

Out-brief 3Oct2023 LCHIP meeting at the Laurel/Abbot Schoolhouse aka the "Scout House":

The crew from LCHIP arrived on time. Glenn and I met at the school at 1:33 for the key exchange.

Attending:

Jim Perkins

Colin Cabot

George Burn

Jodi Black

David Palance

George briefed the group sitting in the shade of the maple tree and play yard picnic table. A perfect day 49 Applications were received totaling 7.9 million\$ in requests, however 3.2-3.6 Million is available. The group already visited four other towns prior to our meeting.

The LCHIP Panel meets next Wednesday (including conservation etc..) then the big meeting is the 7th of November where decisions will be made. Expect a call on 8-9th November with the news. A debrief session will be offered for the losers however few take part. We have a decent shot as our project does not require the full amount or nothing, we have a low risk as the project is quite visible with little chance for big hidden surprises.

The building was immaculate, super clean inside and out, basement and attic, it truly looks like it was being cared for. Paul Lamos informs me that they tossed a lot of junk and it showed. 10 pick-up loads to the dump! Jim wanted to look in the attic at the roof for another project and I graciously obliged. The attic was clean!

I brought out the old WWI yearbook and I made the group stare into the eyes of the kids that attended the Laurel school. The Italians were obvious and were born around the 1890 period, so these young soldiers were very likely the same kids that attended the schoolhouse. I was trying for tears, but they were strong! 😊

Thanks to all for the support.

Katherine Kokko is certainly well known for her enthusiasm with this group.

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