Hawksnest Ski Expansion to be discussed

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Lenny Cottom's proposed expansion of Hawksnest Ski Resort will be discussed at tonight's Board of Adjustment meeting.

Cottom plans on expanding his beginner slope and, to do that, he needs to relocate the snow tube slope to where Hole 4 was on the former golf course. In order to carry through with the expansion, Town Council told Cottom he needed a conditional-use permit. Cottom disagreed with this judgment- saying the property is zoned recreationally and he has been granted a conditional-use permit for snow tubing on another part of his property. Last month, when the town's leasing of the former course to reopen golf in Seven Devils was still on the table, Cottom had hoped his cooperation would make the expansion process easier. He met the Council's reluctance to waive the Board of Adjustment hearings with disappointment. Last week, the Board held a preliminary conference- and tonight at 5:30, a decision on the expansion could be made.