

Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting  
Draft Minutes

Meeting Date – January 27, 2020

Meeting Time – 5:30 pm, Location – Town Offices

Members Present: Chris Stephenson (Vice Chair), Chuck Burt (Treasurer), John Atkinson,  
Susan Werntgen

Public Present: None

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM by Chris Stephenson (Vice Chair)

**1. Public Comment**

None

**2. Changes to the Agenda**

Two additions:

1. Recreation Committee Mission Statement
2. Forestry Management Plan

**3. Approve Minutes from 11/25/19 Meeting**

Motion made by Chuck to accept, seconded by Susan. All in favor.

**2. Assign Secretary**

Motion made by Chuck for Chris to become Secretary, seconded by Susan. All in favor.

**3. New Member Discussion**

Chuck provided update from Selectboard that there is no specific number of members required. Consensus was that “sweet spot” is 6 people. Agreed we would like to seek a new member to fill that spot. Discussed whether we should post to Front Porch Forum, but consensus was we should wait on that and try our individual personal networks some more. Chuck summarized an email from Michelle Beard (former member) where she made the point that someone involved with the school is a huge benefit. Members to individually reach out to more potential people.

**4. RTP Grant / Project**

John provided update that reviewers start in February. We should hear outcome around beginning or middle of March. If we don't win the grant, there are other grants we can go after reusing some of the materials developed for this one—but John remains optimistic as he believes it is one of the most comprehensive grant submissions he's seen.

Also discussed, the fact that Moretown is not officially a member of Mad River Recreation District. Determined we would need to learn more prior to considering such an

endeavor, agreed for an agenda item for next meeting to have them come and discuss and learn about the structure, pros, and cons. John to take point on inviting them.

#### **5. Family Ski Event w/ MRVBC**

Reviewed documents sent by Steve Robbins from brainstorm with Steve Sharpe including ideas for the event as well as potential delegation of elements. Discussed whether our resources/lands are really the right place to hold such an event (given low elevations and lack of glade maintenance), as well as how we might go about marketing it. Committee consensus was that while we are open to helping host such an event, the time-frame is tight and we'd like better clarity on purpose, expectations, and division of labor. We did not feel we had the time to be the primary driver and hoped MRVBC would help pick up more of this burden for a shared event. John to contact Steve to propose that there would need to be more involvement from MRVBC, otherwise likely reconsider for the following year.

#### **6. Recreation Committee Mission Statement**

SB has asked us to draft mission statement. Committee consensus that Steve should take first pass at draft.

#### **7. Forestry Management Plan**

Chuck updated committee that SB indicated we should be involved in Town Plan update. Chuck to follow up with SB to get further details on what is needed to be done and timeline.

#### **Other Business:**

- Susan inquired as to why the gate to the Rec fields is left open. She wondered if it is left open for plowing? Chuck agreed to ask SB.
- Susan indicated there is an area of fencing that has become disconnected from a post and may need upcoming work. John speculated that it's likely frost-heaves.
- Brief discussion on Kingsbury property for potential path from 100B to Pony Farm. Chris will continue to explore this as a concept.
- Discussed that the next meeting falls within school break. Committee didn't feel compelled to change the date.

#### **DRAFT AGENDA FOR MEETING ON 2/24/2020**

1. Public comment
2. Additions/subtractions to Agenda
3. Approve minutes of meeting on 1/27/2020
4. Review/approve draft of Mission Statement
5. Review needs and timeline of Forestry Management Plan - divide labor as needed
6. Update on winter gate policy from SB