

Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes

Meeting Date – July 27nd, 2020

Meeting Time – 5:30 pm, Location: Rec Field Pavilion, Google Hangouts

Members Present:

- ✓ Steve Robbins (Chair)
- ✓ Chris Stephenson (Secretary)
- ✓ Chuck Burt (Treasurer)
- ✓ John Atkinson
- ✓ Susan Werntgen
- ✓ Becky Auger
- ✓ Meg Schultz

Meeting called to order at 5:36 PM by Steve Robbins

1. Public comment

- No public attendees online or onsite at the pavilion

2. Additions/subtractions to Agenda

Original Proposed Agenda:

- RTP Grant Updates
- Court Maintenance Update
- Trail Sign Update
- Mowing recommendation Update
- Website Updates
- Moretown Town Forest Group Volunteers

ADDED:

- Welcome Meg
- Ridge to River
- Programs on Town Forest

3. Approve minutes of meeting on 6/22/2020

- Steve motioned to approve, Chuck moved, 2nd'd by Becky. All "I's", none opposed.

4. Welcome Meg

- Meg has joined the committee, appointed by the Select Board. Further the Select Board approved our mission statement. Welcome Meg!

5. RTP grant

- John attended last Monday's select board meeting, he confirmed approval of the funding and the forward movement of the project. The Select Board wanted to be an additional insured on the Mad River Riders (MRR) insurance paperwork through VMBA which is in process. The archaeological review is complete and will be sent to the state this Thursday, we will get details on the outcome following submission. The MRR board awarded the trail building RFP to Sinuosity, they are working on a contract that the Select Board wants to co-signature on. The Rec Committee discussed and agreed that they would also like to see and sign off on the contract. The start date is targeted for the end of July, so we are day to day on achieving that goal. The project will overlap with the downtown construction as well as the start of school, both will be considered in the project plan and addressed in the execution of the build process. The total project is estimated to take 1 month to complete.

5. Finalize Mowing Recommendation to the Selectboard

- The Select Board accepted and appreciated our proposal for mowing, they are taking it under advisement.

6. Court Maintenance Update

- The crack filler and dark green paint has finally arrived, billing should be connected directly with the town. They will be in touch to confirm and account for payment and assign to our budget. Steve felt it was a one person job and would go quickly, he will take this on during an opportune weather window hopefully in the next few weeks. Susan pointed out the weeds growing on the edge of the court. The committee reconfirmed the intention not to spray kill with poison but to either hand pull, flame torch, or use vinegar & dish soap. Susan will organize a weed pulling day around the court.

7. Trail Sign Update

- Steve brought a map and notes describing a proposal for the sign order. The committee reviewed and made only minor changes and agreed to order 10 signs to accomplish the goal. The signs will be ordered from woodproductsigns.com. They will be traditional forest service signs with white paint for the lettering and stain to preserve the wood. Chuck motioned to approve Steve and John typing up the proposal and placing the order. Sue 2nd'd, all were in favor, none opposed.

8. Website Updates

- The web page template describing the committee has been updated to reflect the current members and details of the committee. Another update will be made to add Meg Schultz to the page. We now have a place for both meeting notes, and future agenda to be posted officially. The Rec Committee agreed to start posting on a go forward basis. Meg suggested putting a link to the trail project on our website. John pointed out that MRR uses TrailForks.com and a link to the trails and relevant descriptions can be included there. Chuck and Meg will work on adding more content to the pages.

9. Moretown Town Forest Forestry Plan pending Committee

- The Select Board is aware, no known next steps have occurred but John and Chris have both made themselves available as volunteers to support the process.

10. ADDED: Ridge to River

- A quick discussion of the opportunity to join their meeting on Thursday night to learn more about their organization. See email from Corrie Miller.

11. ADDED: Programs on Town Forest

- The librarian Cory Stephenson emailed the committee requesting use of the Town Forest land to run a fairy house building event and StoryWalk as part of the summer library program "Imagine Your Story". Chuck motioned to let Cory hold her event as described. Meg 2nd'd, all were in favor, none opposed.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Moretown Nature Trail and Skills Park
- Update on Trail Signage
- Website Update
- Tennis Update

Next meeting August 24th at the Rec Field Pavilion in Moretown.

Adjourning at 6:48 per Steve