

Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes

Meeting Date – October 26th, 2020

Meeting Time – 5:30 pm, Location – Google online meeting

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Members Present: Chris Stephenson, Becky Auger, Steve Robbins, John Atkinson, Susan Werntgen, Chuck Burt, Meg Schultz (first half of meeting)

Public Present: None

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

1. Public Comment

No public comment

2. Agenda

Steve asked to include a focus on the budget draft as a priority in today's agenda.

3. Minutes from 9/28/2020

Steve made a motion to approve the draft minutes pending any questions or comments.

Hearing none, all approved.

4. Moretown Nature Trail & Skills Park

Work day Saturday October 24th, with GMVS and a couple additional local volunteers.

Generally things are progressing and looking good. Brooke (Sinuosity trails building company) is hoping to finish the skills park by the end of the week. Another volunteer day is slated for October 31st. Our notes from our walk last meeting were shared and are included in Brookes punch list. Nov. 15th is the hard end date at which time unfinished items will push to the spring. People continue to use the trail, running and biking while the volunteers were on site. The boardwalk is done, leading in from the entrance from the field towards the powerline. Kingsbury generously donated boulder, dirt, and other materials to support the skills park. The Moretown Rec Committee and the HUUSD collectively donated \$1,000 towards the project, \$500 each. Invoices should be generated via Sasha and Ray Diegle this is now the time to kickoff that process.

5. Budget Draft

A draft budget was built out leveraging last year's budget and considering new and closed out projects going into 2021. It was not clear if we needed to budget for a Zoom license and Chuck offered continued use of his Google Hangouts which has been working well for us this year. Confirmation of port-o-let actuals was being looked into as a follow up item, there's likely an increase in fees this year and given the continued warm weather into November the length season continues to increase. At 6:32 Chuck motioned to approve the budget draft John 2nd'd the draft and all approved.

6. Update on Mowing

Chris provided a quick update on his walk of the grounds with Stefan who has been providing the mowing services through the town. Ultimately Stefan is open to reducing mowing in some areas to save some time and allow for field growth to highlight the location of the trail vs. mowing a larger swath and having to create a feeling of a trail through the grass. We discussed some of the challenges given the town doesn't use a brush hog for the mowing, and it's all done with a mower creating some challenges on steep and potentially wet slopes, as well as seasonal cutting when field grass has grown high. Stefan was going to make an effort to mow the slopes before winter to allow for sledding, skiing, snowboarding, etc. The selectboard will ultimately sign off on a plan and any changes to the current mowing plan will then be carried out. The key next step is to draft a plan in April/May within the Rec Committee team, John and Chris will lead this with Meg and Becky supporting. Another discussion with Stefan may be helpful as well as getting inputs from the school maintenance manager. At that point we can bring the plan to the selectboard for approval.

7. Update on the Courts

Steve is looking to take the nets down before winter takes a strong hold. There is a portable net that could be leveraged for any unexpected warm weather spells that motivate players to use the courts further into fall.

Draft Agenda for Meeting on November 23, 2020 at 5:30pm

- Budget feedback/update
- Moretown Nature Trail and Skills Park
- Steve Sharpe / Backcountry Ski Alliance
- Court Closure for the year

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Meeting adjourned at 6:47PM.