

Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes

Meeting Date – January 25th, 2021

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

Public Present: None

Meeting called to order at 5:32PM by Steve Robbins.

1. Public Comment

No public attendance available for comment

2. Agenda

- Budget feedback/update
- Moretown Nature Trail and Skills Park updates, planning for Phase II
- Steve Sharpe / Backcountry Ski Alliance follow up
- Added: Personnel

3. Minutes from 11/23/2020

Meg made a motion to approve the draft minutes pending any questions or comments, John seconded. Hearing none, all approved. All I's, no naye's.

4. Personnel

Chuck is stepping down from his rec committee role to focus on other priorities, namely the fiber initiatives. Thank you for all of your time, knowledge and effort Chuck!

As a committee we do not have a repository of roll car by start date, positions held, etc. This would be a good cleanup item this year.

5. Budget

Have not pursued the Selectboard for comments on the budget. It has been confirmed received.

6. Trail Signs

We received all eleven signs. We need to pre-drill holes and walk the trail to post them. Steve has bolts to affix to trees. Starting with South Hill Rd entrance. Steve will work on next steps, open to all to help.

7. Moretown Nature Trail & Skills Park

Update from John that Mad River Riders are planning on doing additional work on the trails following the spring thaw. Including adding materials to the skills park to pad the edges of the features. Additional features to the park are also being considered. And adding materials and additional water diversion ditches to address wet areas. Work with the builder and next steps are actively in discussion. The trail is currently under deep snow with active use by many.

Discussion of announcing the trail and kicking it off is under consideration once we feel it's ready to complete. The Phase II grant is delayed, the state is behind on pursuing submissions. Risk that this could push into the latter half of the year, or potentially slip to 2022.

8. Backcountry Alliance Presentation - Steve Sharpe

Have not heard on timing from Steve for a potential BCA sponsored event for Feb/March. Would need to formalize quickly given time is pressing.

9. Brainstorming on 2021 Goals & Objectives

The group quickly brainstormed a mixed list of old and new ideas that will be used in the next meeting to prioritize focus areas for 2021 and beyond.

- Forest Management Plan, pending prioritization by the SelectBoard
- Mowing Plan (April/May)
- Finishing Phase I of the Nature Trail & Skills Park
- Tennis Lessons / Educational Programs likely pending Kinney
- Trailwork Suggestions
 - Skin Track / Ski run
 - Potential XC route, formalized proper signage
 - Rework on Ancient Apple Trail where it rides in a seasonal stream bed for a good distance roughly .25 miles.
 - Review all trails for usability, repairs, habitat, etc. Prioritize work.
- Consider frisbee-golf mini-course, "putting course", not clear what demand truly exists, wait for a request
- Keep an eye on dog walking and cleanup, and need to support that with signage or cleanup bags
- Consider opening access, hiking option to the other town owned land
- Potential tie in if the sidewalks are going to be added to the South side of the road

Proposed Agenda for Meeting on Monday, March 22nd 2021 at 5:30pm - ONLINE MEETING

- Personnel
- Budget
- Trail Signs
- Moretown Nature Trail & Skills Park
- Continue Discussion on Goals & Priorities

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Meeting adjourned at 6:32PM