

Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes

Meeting Date – March 22nd, 2021

Meeting Time – 5:30 pm, Location – Zoom online meeting, see below for details

Members Present: Chris Stephenson, Becky Auger, Steve Robbins, John Atkinson, Susan Werntgen, Meg Schultz

Public Present: Cory Stephenson

Meeting called to order at 5:52PM by Steve Robbins, following some technical difficulties getting the town shared Zoom account to work.

1. Public Comment

Library discussion added to the Agenda below

2. Agenda

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

3. Minutes from 11/23/2020

Steve made a motion to approve the draft minutes pending any questions or comments, Meg seconded. One typo change in the last minutes 'role car' should have read 'role call'. No other changes noted. Hearing none, all approved. All I's, no naye's.

4. Personnel

It's up to the Selectboard to determine the committee size and skills needed. The selectboard did post the open position for the rec committee on Front Porch Forum. No formalized responses surfaced. Keep socializing as committee members when a recruiting opportunity arises.

As a committee we do not have a repository of roll call by start date, tenor, positions held, etc. This would be a good cleanup and will be added to the next agenda.

5. Budget

Approved by voters at town meeting, voting day. Formalized budget has not cascaded down to Steve and is forthcoming.

6. Trail Signs

Pushing conversation to the next meeting.

7. Moretown Nature Trail & Skills Park

John shared that the trail is still under snow and ice, although quickly melting out. Once melted it will be assessed for next steps in terms of finish and repair work. Mad River Riders are excited about the trail plan to reveal it with marketing support as part of a Trails Day event

they run on June 5th.

8. Library Update

Cory Stephenson joined the meeting at 6:15 to share updates from the library. They applied for an equipment grant that could fund items like tennis racquets, lawn games and nature exploration kits that patrons can check for use, including for use on the rec fields. They will be notified if they have received the grant sometime in early summer.

The library is also looking to continue hosting outside programs and events, especially as covid persists these are getting good participation and positively impacting people's lives. Stargazing events, story walks, and open mic nights were shared as examples. This spurs interest in upgrading the pavilion to include water and electricity, potentially on the field side as well. This could be chartered by the rec committee and funding could be shared, or fundraised to support the work. The group discussed this could also be of value to Morefest.

A general request came up that the rec committee formalize the process by which using assets that the rec committee oversees (pavilion, fields, courts, etc) so that other town entities like the library as well as residents can more easily use the facilities.

9. The Gate

Moving forward the gate will be locked when seen open. Sue and Meg being the nearest neighbors can help keep an eye on this.

10. Town Forest Plan

Steve will send around the details of the most recent forest plan for review. The goal is to get the committee discussing ideas ahead of the Selectboard formally kicking off the process.

Proposed Agenda for Meeting on Monday, April 27th, 2021 at 5:30pm - ONLINE MEETING

- Personnel
- Budget
- Trail Signs
- Moretown Nature Trail & Skills Park Update
- Town Forest Management Plan
- Mowing Plan

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Meeting adjourned at 6:39PM