

Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

Meeting Date – October 28th, 2024

Meeting Time – 6pm, Location – Town Office

Members Present: Chris Stephenson, Sue Werntgen, Becky Auger, Saiward Turnbaugh, Lee-Anne Martin

Public Present: None

Meeting called to order at: 6:04 PM

1. Public Comment

None present

2. Agenda

- Approve Minutes
- Budget Update
- Bylaws review draft template (continued)
- Website Content Management / Instagram
- VOREC / Conservation & Recreation Visioning Committee update
- Tennis Court
- Fields Maintenance
- Storywalk
- Trails maintenance / Steward

3. Approve minutes:

<https://www.moretownvt.org/minutes-and-agendas/recreation-committee-minutes-agendas/>

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 23rd meeting, Chris made the motion, Susan seconded. Request to cleanup budget spreadsheet table formatting to include dollar signs, adjust line wrapping. Approved.

4. Budget

No updates. Portolet removal pending Wasted* pickup, payments to stop on November 1st.

5. Bylaws review draft template

No updates.

6. Website Content Management / Instagram

Instagram is set up for "moretown_recreation_committee", the account is built with our new email address, Chris and Saiward are both receiving the incoming emails for alias recreation@moretownvt.net, others can join the distro as desired. 2 followers to start, time to share some content!

7. VOREC / MRV Conservation & Recreation Visioning Chris continues to attend multiple meetings per month to represent Moretown and contribute to the future vision. The visioning team has documented a draft 'future state' view of recreation in the valley, and of ecological integrity. A public forum is being planned for late November but may push to January, details will follow when available, information will be posted ongoing to: <https://www.mrvrd.org/about-crv>

8. Tennis Courts

Still active, nets to be taken down once the weather turns, stored again at Woody house.

9. Field Maintenance

Still gravel from the construction temporary parking lot on the entrance to the baseball field in front of the pavilion. Site walk needed overall to determine if the fields need more cleanup. More focus needed on the mud season(s) regarding drainage on the field back near the tennis court. Assuming we should clean out the ditching between the fields and the story walk it has been a while, brush cutting needed.

Soccer net discussion continued, net recommendations via HUUSD contact suggested the \$2300 pair would be a better long term purchase. Currently the draft budget for next year is asking for \$1400 we could make up the difference potentially with grant funding. Chris to look into some options and share a more concise view of the good/better/best options for consideration. Goal to purchase and acquire before May 2025.

10. Playgrounds

Playground discovery work has started. Sue and Mike have been partnering with Kate at the MES school. Beginning to determine what equipment would be wanted. Then look to grants, programs to help support funding. MES focus is likely on the playground closest to the school, primary short term focus. Rec committee focus will eventually address the playgrounds closer to the tennis court

11. Trails

Chris to leaf blow story walk and support installation of the new book for November. Berm on the nature loop still needs work, the Mad River Riders have not been responding, Chris to follow up. Likely they have been focused on the VOREC projects including the new bridge installed over the Millbrook. Pine Needle path logs have been cleared. Chris is working with a local couple that may be interested in helping with maintenance and some small rerouting to improve the current trail. We still need a leader to help with the reroute around the ECO classrooms.

Revised trail sign funding from the September meeting. Old motion: "Discussion of payment for the town's portion of creating the new sign map. Mike made a motion to approve a payment of \$600 from the 2024 Recreation Committee budget toward the cost of the sign. Neal seconded and motion was approved." New Motion: Chris made the motion to approve payment for \$499 from the 2024 Recreation Committee budget to the Mad River Riders towards the cost of the main trailhead sign replaced in August. Susan seconded, all approved.

Next Regular Meeting

Monday, November 25th at 6pm

*No meeting in December, resume in January

Proposed Agenda:

- Approve Minutes
- Budget Update
- Playground Discovery Work
- Website Content Management / Instagram
- VOREC / Conservation & Recreation Visioning Committee update
- Tennis Court
- Fields Maintenance
- Trails maintenance / Steward

Ongoing Business

- Bylaws review draft template (on hold)

- Storywalk reroute

Meeting adjourned at: 7:50 pm