

Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting

Meeting Date – November 25, 2024

Meeting Time – 6pm, Location – Town Office

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

Public Present: None

Meeting called to order at: 6:09 PM

1. Public Comment

None present

2. Agenda

- Approve Minutes
- Budget Update
- Playground Discovery Work
- 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 October 28 meeting, Susan made the motion, Becky seconded. Approved.

4. Budget

Chris, Susan and Mike attended the Select Board budget meeting. Chris presented the proposed budget and took questions and comments from the SB.

5. Playground discovery work

Another meeting planned with Kate Liptak, Susan Werntgen and Mike Strojny. A plan of how to proceed was discussed. Issues include:

Differences in planning for the School playground vs the Town playground.

The RC needs to review the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and The School District

Liability and insurance issues

A playground design needs to be created to arrive at a budget figure for the project.

Louisa from the Moretown PTO should be invited to join the planning group.

Other playgrounds recently completed or in the planning stages should be contacted and reviewed to help us make decisions regarding playground layouts, funding and grant sources.

6. Website Content Management / Instagram

Instagram has 15 followers

The old account owned by Greg should be deleted.

We need to populate the new Instagram with photos and stories

The Select Board commented and approved of updates to the Recreation Committee web pages.

7. VOREC / MRV Conservation & Recreation Visioning

The community forum was postponed. They have a 3 month extension.

8. Tennis Courts

Nets are being taken in for the winter

9. Field Maintenance

Discussion of Moretown Dog Ordinance and its application to town property, specifically the Town Forest, as applies to dogs running free. Should the ordinance be more definitive in terms of having dogs on a leash? Are the signs regarding picking up dog poop, especially in the areas used by

school children, having any effect and how does this issue fit with the Town Forest Management Plan?

The Amphitheater was mentioned by the SB in regards to future planning.

The Town Forest Management Plan has been signed and the Recreation Committee has responsibilities. To be discussed at January meeting

The maintenance of the Town playground was discussed. The Recreation Committee needs to be aware of the chain of command when asking for help from Stephan.

10. Trails

Trails are closed with the goal to be ready for Spring. GMVS student volunteer looking for community service hours are a possibility.

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, January 27, 2025 at 6pm

*No meeting in December, resume in January

Proposed Agenda:

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Ongoing Business

- Bylaws review draft template (on hold)
- Storywalk reroute

Meeting adjourned at: 7:50 pm