

Moretown Recreation Committee – April 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Susan Werntgen, Steve Robbins, John Atkinson, Michelle Beard (minutes)

Members Absent: Duane Pierson, Chris Stephenson

March meeting minutes - Approved unanimously

1. **Recreational Trails Program Grant:** Cheryl emailed to ask if there was any interest in grant funding via the State of Vermont Recreational Trails Program. This grant is well-known to the Mad River Riders, who apply for money through this program every year. The MRC was interested in exploring possibilities for 2020 but want to make sure any work/grant requests would not conflict with trail work planned by the Mad River Riders. This particular grant is reimbursement-based. How would that work with our budget? John will bring up this issue at the next Mad River Riders board meeting. We will discuss again at the May meeting.
2. **Planning Commission Motion:** At their 4/16/19 meeting, the Planning Commission voted to co-sponsor a community informational and involvement meeting with the recreation committee. The MRC did not make any corresponding motions related to co-sponsoring a meeting. The consensus was that meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss how to best support conservation issues within the scope of our mission would be a good first step. Steve will reach out to the Planning Commission to get a possible date to meet or to find a time for the MRC to attend a Planning Commission meeting.
3. **Fence Repair Work:** The MRC has two fence repair projects slated for 2019. John will send Steve an RFP template so that we can put together a proposal to send to fence companies. Michelle will check with Cheryl to see how many companies we need to solicit. Discussion about completing staymat work before the fence repair work begins. Michelle will check with Cheryl to see if the town has a preferred vendor for staymat materials. Staymat work will be done with volunteer labor.
4. **Baseball Field Work Request:** Kevin Davis, who is coaching two Mad River Little League teams would like to bring a tractor and a team of volunteers to the baseball field for some maintenance. Greg Wagner (Maintenance, Moretown Elementary School) was consulted and had no objections. Kevin was asked to email with a proposed date and time. The MRC felt that the work should be supervised and the town's insurance be checked with. Kevin will be told about the bleachers, which the group feels should be removed before any group uses the field.
5. **Other Business:**
 - John invited Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director of the Mad River Valley Planning District, to attend an upcoming MRC meeting.
 - There has been positive feedback regarding the trail marker signs. The group will explore printing some form of the signs (magnets or coasters maybe) to sell at Morefest.
 - Duane will pick up the key for the May meeting (unless the weather is good enough to meet outside).

Next meeting – Tuesday May 5/28/19