

Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes

Meeting Date – November 22nd, 2021

Meeting Time – 5:45 pm, Location – Town Office

Members Present: Steve Robbins, Chris Stephenson, Sue Werntgen, Lee-Anne Martin, Meg Schultz, Becky Auger

Public Present:

Steve Sharp

Meeting called to order at: 5:48PM

1. Public Comment

No comment outside agenda items below.

2. Agenda

- Budget Updates
- Succession Planning Continued
- Trail Maintenance / Updates
- Shed / Playground Equipment Updates
- Community Feedback / Engagement process
- 2022 Goal Planning
- Board Documentation Process
- Adding:
 - Steve Sharp MRVBC, 6pm

3. Approve minutes from 10/25/2021

Meg motioned to approve the minutes, Steve 2nd. No discussion, all in favor.

4. Budget

Selectboard reviewed budgets across departments and committees in their November 15th session. No visible comments were noted in the minutes, or in the online recorded meeting. No actions needed.

5. Succession Planning Determination

No immediate interest in the open finance role, co-chair, or secretary roles. Looking to recruit and resurface in January when current members have a better understanding of their availability.

6. Trail Maintenance / Updates

Chris shared that multiple trees were down on ancient apple way, on top of those that were recently cleared away. The downed trees are in sensitive wet areas not far from Pine Needle path intersection and the go arounds are expanding existing erosion issues and creating new ones. This brings up the larger need for more diligent maintenance efforts and accelerating some proactive trail rerouting. Anyone capable of clearing the trees is encouraged, a larger plan for spring is to be considered.

7. Shed, Playground Equipment

Chris connected with Mandy to confirm that the shed initiative is not a priority this year. Next step is to resurface after the holidays to better understand the amount of needed space and align on proposed locations to better understand the scope of work. Chris got a price sheet from a local shed company for reference, budgets and funding sources has not been discussed. Consider contacting Yestermorrow for a potential partnership project.

8. Community Feedback / Engagement Process

Becky and Sue volunteered to work on proposing questions to be used in the survey. They will then work with Meg to mock up an online version to review as a group. Steve offered that he had an archive of the questions asked the last time this work was done ~2017. The hope is to get something in place before town meeting day in early March.

9. Steve / Mad River Valley Backcountry (MRVBC)

Steve introduced the goals of MRVBC to generally help support access and education on winter backcountry exploration. They are looking at a few sites including ours in hopes of providing a free course to the public. Topics for consideration include - safety, gear, public/private lands, etiquette. Snow or frozen ground is fine, the pavilion could be used if the weather is challenging. It's attractive that we have adequate parking and the fields with hills if there's potentially an on-snow opportunity. Advertise through FPF, library. Suggestion to limit attendance and require RSVP to ensure a good instructor ratio and be able to address any pending/changing covid related protocols. Consider program length and access to bathrooms, consider the library as an optional public bathroom during library hours.

Steve motioned that the MRVBC be allowed to provide a background safety and gear clinic open to the public on the rec fields. Meg 2nd'd. No discussion, all in favor.

10. Goal Planning

Agree to carve out 30+ minutes at our next meeting to brainstorm ideas and loosely prioritize work to be done and potential ownership to coordinate next steps.

Next Meeting:

Monday, January 31st, at 5:45pm in the Town Office

Proposed Agenda:

- Budget Updates
- Succession Planning Continued
- Community Feedback / Engagement process
- 2022 Goal Planning
- MRVBC updates
- Trail Maintenance / Updates

Meeting adjourned at: 7:01pm by Chris