

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Moretown, VT

Meeting Date – November 28th, 2022

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

Members Present: Chris Stephenson, Susan Werntgen, Gregg Mason, Becky Auger

Public Present: None

Meeting called to order at: 5:48 PM

1. Public Comment

No public comment

2. Agenda Items

- Budget Updates
- Community Value Recreation Survey
- Trail Maintenance
- Tennis Maintenance
- Website planning
- Town Forest Management plan
- Fence
- Annual Town Report write-up

3. Approve minutes from 10/25/2022

Motion to approve the minutes from 10/25/2022 was made by Susan; Becky seconded. Discussion surfaced that the Tennis court update referencing the new benches should reflect the correct spelling of "Neil Mostov" as such. No further discussion. All approved.

4. Budget

Reviewed the submitted budget. See attached for details. An error was found in the submitted version, and since corrected specific to the portalets, the notes should say 7 months duration from mid-April through mid-November, the budget dollars remain accurate and unchanged at \$1190 for the 2023 calendar year. The budget has been submitted and confirmation of receipt has been received. The review process has just started; there are no questions or feedback from the selectboard at this time.

5. Community Value Recreation Survey

Greg volunteered to consolidate a list of emails from the survey from those interested in receiving the survey results. The list will include those that suggested they'd be interested in future volunteering opportunities. Greg will email the results directly to those that shared contact info as well as on instagram and in FPF. Chris will work to include the results on our web page.

6. Trails

Consider a spring kids biking event to formalize the opening of the skills park and the new work done on the nature trail. Coordinate with MRR and the libraries could consider a bike focused story walk. Plan a spring volunteer day to clear the trails for summer.

Steve Sharpe from MRVBC reached out asking if XC ski trails have been considered as part of the Town Forest Management. I shared the existing plan documents for his review, and an overview of our interest

and discussion over the recent years; the rec committee has been open and interested in the idea but have not had a project leader. A primary concern is the lack of consistent snow up in the woods to warrant formalizing such trails. I offered to walk/hike and discuss, no dates have been set.

7. Tennis Courts

Nets still need to come down, Woody has been contacted. There has been consistent use of the courts well into November given the nice weather.

8. Website Planning

Push to January discussion

9. Permanent Story Walk

Well used through mid November coinciding with the extended nice warm weather. Once the weather turned, traffic decreased.

10. Town Forest Management

October site walks included eco classrooms, map has been updated since the hike. Another hike to look at the tree stands up off South Hill road. Next meeting TBD, likely January.

11. Town Report

Likely to get a request before our next meeting. After a deer in headlights informal vote, Chris volunteered to draft and asked for email support to proofread and share pictures. Update to include: skills park, nature trail, peace garden, pollinators, survey, town forest management plan, instagram page mtnrec

Next Meeting:

Monday, January 23rd, at 5:45pm at the Town Office

Proposed Agenda:

- Budget Updates
- Community Value Recreation Survey
- Website planning
- Town Report
- Town Forest Management plan
- Rec Committee Members, future planning
- 2023 goal planning
- Update Vendor/Partner List

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Stephenson and seconded by Susan Werntgen.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:33 pm

2023 DRAFT Budget Proposal

Moretown Recreation Committee Board Approved: 10/24/2022

		TOTAL EXPENSE	HUUSD SHARED	TOWN TOTAL	ACTUALS	REMAINING	Notes
Operations	Rec Fields Portable Toilets	\$ 1,190.00	\$ -	\$ 1,190.00		\$ 1,190.00	Accessible friendly toilet, 7 months: Mid-April through Mid-November
Repairs / Maintenance	Court Maintenance	\$ 75.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 37.50		\$ 75.00	Crack fill to patch chipping on primary surface
	Fence - Fix end post, Fix Gaps, Double gate hinges	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		\$ 800.00	New Vendor Search, Primary Vendor non-responsive / voicemail 'no new customers, overbooked'. Pushing from 2022 to 2023
	Brush Hog for Town Tractor (annual hillside, field edges)	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,325.00		\$ 2,650.00	Town Tractor attachment, capital investment for annual fall hillside cut, maintain field edges, prevent reforestation and enhance winter sports potential. Alternative outsource.
	Trailhead Kiosk Update - Major Refresh \$1,153	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	Grant received for \$1,153, fully funded through MRV Trails Collaborative via Mad River Path and Mad River Riders
Improvements	Trail Maintenance & Signage	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 600.00	Focus on ECO classroom boundaries, potential abutter trail connectivity.
	Trails Program - Phase 2 Grant Match	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	Seed funding to match potential grants or donor funded opportunities, largely managed by Mad River Riders.
	Park Benches 7 Total Material Cost Only / Volunteer Build	\$ 180.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00		\$ 180.00	Seating increases accessibility, participation, reflection. Tennis Courts (4), Pollinator Garden (1), Peace Garden (1), Power Line View (1)
Education	MRV Bear Initiative - Education, Awareness, Support	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	Participated in 2022 on behalf of Moretown Rec, missed funding cycle. Education for valley and beyond residents on 'living with bears', online events, demonstrations, partnership with state wildlife law enforcement and biologists, chamber site per Steward MRV, Valley Reporter, and FPF postings - https://www.madrivervalley.com/stewardmrv/living-with-bears/
	Programming (WinterFest concepts)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	Pushed to 2024, keeping visibility here in our budget.
		\$ 6,995.00	\$ 2,062.50	\$ 4,932.50	\$ -	\$ 6,995.00	