

Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting  
Draft Minutes

Meeting Date – July 31st, 2023

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

Members Present: Chris Stephenson, Sue Werntgen, Becky Auger, and John Atkinson

**Public Present:**

Mary Lou and Saiward Turnbaugh

Meeting called to order at: 5:54 PM

**1. Public Comment**

No public comment, Saiward is interested in the committee and listening in.

**2. Agenda**

- Approve Minutes
- Budget Updates
- Succession Planning
- School Partnership
- Community Feedback / Engagement process

**3. Approve minutes from 6/26/2023**

Susan motioned to change the minutes to say “Mad River Riders”, as opposed to the typo “Mad River Rioters”. No riots were detected.

Motion to approve, Susan made the motion, Becky seconded. No further discussion, all in favor. Approved.

**4. Budget**

Chris will talk to the Select Board about re-appropriating the \$1,000 budget item for the matching trail grant to be used to pay for the new pickle ball nets and the painting of the 4 new courts. This work enables tennis and two pickle ball teams or 4 pickle ball teams, or 2 tennis teams to play at once, greatly increasing our capacity and ability to share the court. The courts have been getting a lot of use. The matching trail grant fund will not be needed this year, no paid work is planned for the trail at this time.

**5. Succession Planning & Partnerships**

Mandi has moved on from her position as Principal of the Moretown Elementary School (MES), Kate Liptak is just starting in her new role. Chris has a scheduled meet and greet meeting setup for early August. Becky will join. The agenda is to discuss (1) the Stark Mountain Foundation HUUSD kids ski scholarship program and how it can support the MES winter sports program (2) the rec committee construct, active projects and historical partnerships with the school including

the joint MOU, and (3) the Town Forest Management Plan revision and the pending draft review cycle.

Saiward is interested in joining the committee and is considering approaching the Select Board for approval as a next step. Yay!

Co-Chair and Treasurer roles need new ownership given Meg has not been able to attend a meeting in 2023

*Updated:*

Chris Stephenson, joined June, 2017	Chair
Lee-Anne Martin, October 2020	Secretary
Sue Werntgen, joined April, 2017	
Becky Auger, joined February, 2020	
Meg Schultz, joined July, 2020	
Gregg Mason, joined April 2022	
Neal Mostov, joined July 2023	
Saiward Turnbough, pending	

## **6. Trails**

Yellow Jackets were reported on the skills park. The trails were closed by Susan until the issue could be addressed. Chris then weed whacked the area last Sunday and found the nest under one of the features. Neal sprayed the nest and the nest is now vacated. The skills park is open and in great shape.

The Mad River Riders have added this to their annual maintenance calendar with two weed whacking sessions planned for June and July. Grass and/or clover is to be planted this fall / early spring to reduce some of the weed issues.

Gregg and others have continued to work on the new trail section and its coming along nicely despite all the rains this summer.

## **7. Fence**

Chris connected with Mike White who came last week and fixed the fence. Invoice pending should be ~\$840 compared to the \$800 budgeted.

## **8. Courts**

New court lines have been drawn as described above. FPF will post both pickleball and tennis opportunities to increase utilization, thank you Susan and Neal! The courts are buzzing with happy people!

## **9. Morefest**

Working to get the Mad River Riders and Bee the Change at the event. Suggestion for next year that the Morefest Committee work more closely with the rec committee and coordinate event timing, closures, use changes, etc.

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, August 28th, at 5:45pm in the Town Office

*Proposed Agenda:*

- Approve Minutes
- Budget Updates
- Succession Planning
- Courts
- Trails
- Morefest
- Eco Classroom Updates

Meeting adjourned at: 7:21 pm