

Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes

Meeting Date – February 19th, 2024

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

Members Present: Chris Stephenson, Mike Strojny, Sue Werntgen, Becky Auger, Saiward Turnbaugh

Public Present:

Meeting called to order at: 5:50 PM

1. Public Comment

None present

2. Agenda

- Approve Minutes
- Budget Updates
- Bylaws build draft template for review
- Website Content Management / Instagram
- Town Forest Management Plan Update
- Ecofest / Solar Eclipse
- VOREC / Conservation & Recreation Visioning Committee updates

3. Approve minutes:

<https://www.moretownvt.org/minutes-and-agendas/recreation-committee-minutes-agendas/>

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 22nd meeting, Chris made the motion, Mike seconded. Correction to the minutes noted: Saiward was not in attendance. No further discussion, all in favor. Approved.

4. Budget

2024 budget draft remains completed, no open questions. Next step town meeting day. Neal to submit a 1099; the dollar amount is over \$500, town policy. Neal has a copy of the form.

5. Eco Classrooms

No winterfest is planned for this winter / spring. The library is working with the school to support an event on the day of the solar eclipse; they have safe viewing glasses for the entire student body. Community support may be needed to help manage a large turnout if the weather cooperates.

6. Portolets

Chris received a quote from Wasted* for an accessible portolet unit for the public; May through October. The pricing is in line with other vendors. A decision is likely to be made in our March meeting.

7. Town Report

Chris shared a draft annual report for the rec committee to Sasha for inclusion in the Town Report. All present had a chance to review the document, no change requests were made.

8. Town Forest Management Plan

The plan is posted on the town website. Abutters are being notified. Public comment will be formally discussed in the SB meeting on Monday April 1st, 2024

Concerns about dog poop near the classrooms, along the story walk. Chris to reach out to Steward MRV, and circle back with pending proposals from the VOREC visioning.

9. Storywalk Relocation

The Friends of the Moretown Library are looking to expand the story walk to include more posts allowing for longer books to be showcased. Given the snowpack we agreed to pick this up once spring surfaces the ground. Susan and Carla Lewis will do a site walk with Chris and formalize the ask back to the rec committee accordingly. It was noted that the portion of the walk that currently wraps behind the tennis courts has been extremely wet and slippery and may need to be relocated as part of the process. No next steps until the snow melts.

10. Bylaws

Group discussion and review of the bylaws used by the SB to structure the Morefest Committee. A general discussion on the structure and more specific discussions on the details of committee size, terms, residency requirements, and attendance requirements. Chris will incorporate the discussion items into a revised draft document for continued review in our next meeting.

11. Website

Sasha is connecting Mike to work with Darlene to assist with edits and allow access to our pages ongoing.

Next Regular Meeting:

March, 25th, at 5:45 in the Town Office

Proposed Agenda:

- Approve Minutes
- Budget Updates
- Bylaws review draft template (continued)
- Website Content Management / Instagram
- Ecofest / Solar Eclipse
- Dog Poop / Steward MRV
- VOREC / Conservation & Recreation Visioning Committee updates
- Soccer Club field use Inquiry
- Portolet Vendor Selection

Ongoing Business

- Fields / Drainage project
- Storywalk Relocation
- Trails / TH sign

Meeting adjourned at: 7:50 pm