

Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes

Meeting Date – April 22nd, 2024

Meeting Time – 6pm, Location – Town Office

Members Present: Chris Stephenson, Mike Strojny, Sue Werntgen, Becky Auger, Saiward Turnbaugh, Lee-Anne Martin

Public Present:

Meeting called to order at: 6:08 PM

1. Public Comment

None present

2. Agenda

Proposed Agenda:

- Approve Minutes
- Budget Updates
- Bylaws review draft template (continued)
- Website Content Management / Instagram
- Dog Poop / Steward MRV
- VOREC / Conservation & Recreation Visioning Committee updates
- Soccer Club field use Inquiry
- Portolet Readiness
- Tennis court games expansion
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Ongoing Business

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

3. Approve minutes:

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 19th meeting, Susan made the motion, Becky seconded. Neal Mostov was present at the last meeting which was mistakenly omitted from the minutes. No further discussion, all in favor. Approved.

4. Budget

No updates.

5. Portolets

Dropoff Monday April 31st from Wasted. Susan and Chris will flag the location and coordinate with the drive for dropoff.

6. Websites

Mike to follow up with Darlene and continue making progress.

7. Tennis Court & Games

Tennis court nets are going up, thank you Woody for storing and supporting this again this year! Planned for this week. Benches are also back and set up.

Design ideas are circulating to draw/paint some fun games on the less used part of the tennis court. Susan and Becky are working with the school to finalize.

8. Dog Poop

Neal sourced some courtesy signs and put them up around the entrances to the trails and the town offices. Chris connected with StewardMRV and will look to coordinate signage with a valley theme over time as they order more signs, assuming it fits our needs.

Kate had support from a volunteer from the PTO to clean up multiple lbs of dog waste and put it in the trash before the eclipse event and before the kids went back to their outdoor classrooms. This is greatly appreciated, thank you mysterious PTO / Friends of ECO volunteer!

Other:

The Solar Eclipse / Library Event was a success with nearly 100 residents and tourists gathered for music, games, trivia, and of course the main event mother nature. The firepit was going and marshmallows were toasting. The historical society recorded interviews with attendees to capture the moment in time. A few tourists from out of state, many from neighboring towns in VT that were outside the path of totality and of course us locals with the support of the valley wide library partnership. Thank you MRV Libraries!

8. VOREC / MRV Conservation & Recreation Visioning

Chris continues to attend multiple meetings per month to represent Moretown and contribute to the future vision. The visioning team has documented a draft 'current state' view of recreation in the valley, and of ecological integrity. This will be shared at a public forum. All are encouraged to attend.

EVENT: Wednesday May 29th, Lareau Farm Pavilion in Waitsfield 5-8pm

For more information on the project check out: <https://www.mrvrd.org/about-crv>

10. Fields

A potential soccer league or pickup league is inquiring about using our fields this spring/summer. Fields are starting to melt out but winter still has its hold.

Don reached back out. Mike will join me in response. Ask about insurance, cost, how advertised.

11. Town Forest Management Plan

The plan is posted on the town website. Public comment was formalized as part of the SB meeting on Monday April 1st, 2024. A few abutters were present and inquired about the plan. The key next step for the project is working with VLT to clarify the property boundaries and ownership near the town office and school buildings. That work is in progress, timeline TBD.

13. Bylaws

The committee reviewed the draft bylaws collectively and will revisit again next meeting.

Next Regular Meeting:

Monday May 20th, at 6pm at the Pavilion — NOTE change to 3rd Monday in May to adjust to Memorial day weekend. In the event of inclement weather we will bring the meeting indoors to the library.

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Meeting adjourned at: 8:08 pm