

## Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting

Meeting Date – July 28, 2025

Meeting Time – 6pm, Location – Town Office

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

**Public Present:** Louisa Wilson President Moretown PTO

Meeting called to order at: 6:01 PM

### **Agenda**

- Approve Minutes
- Budget Update
- Morefest
- Playground Discovery Work
- Website Content Management / Instagram
- Tennis Court
- Trails maintenance / Steward
- Town Forest Management Plan

### Ongoing

- Bylaws review (on hold)
- Storywalk re-route

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 23 meeting,  
Susan made the motion, Chris seconded. Approved.

### **2. Budget / Morefest**

Discussion of Morefest planning moved to follow the Recreation Committee meeting.

### **3. Playgrounds**

O'Brien and Sons representative made a site visit with Mike, Susan, Neal, Louisa and Kate Liptak. Colin Boutin was the rep on the Warren School playground. The sub-committee was impressed with his qualifications, his response to questions and his request for input to help him design the playground Moretown envisions. Colin solicited each member for a list of 10 equipment elements we wanted in our design and any elements that should be excluded. He took digital measurements of the Town and School existing playground spaces and will use our feedback in his design. Colin's estimates of cost were up to \$250,000 for each playground as a starting point from which we could modify our designs as we go through the approval process. Mike will contact Cheryl to open communication regarding the grant application procedure. Louisa had already submitted an inquiry form on-line to the Sunshine Fund.

### **4. Fields**

Storywalk was walked by Chris, Susan and Carla. Improvements have been made for accessibility and easier maintenance.

The Mad River Riders had a crew working on the bike track and trails with chainsaws and weedwhackers financed from their membership dues. They spent several weeks improving Moretown's facilities.

Chris will send appreciation notes through the bike shops and Front Porch Forum and promoting the work that has been done to make our trails rideable.

### **5. Courts**

The tennis courts have deep and extensive cracks that volunteers have been filling with a sealer. Susan solicited a quote from a company in 2022 for resurfacing at \$15,000. They recommended that happen within 2-3 years. We are now using household spray-foam to fill the cracks before using sealer. Susan will get updated quotes and an evaluation of the courts condition.

The pickleball nets are in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year and we need to have a plan to replace them. The committee has suggested that some fundraising by the pickleball players would be appropriate. Mike will try to assemble numbers on the public use of the courts.

### **6. Town Forest Management Plan**

Chris is working with Mike Brown (Selectman) regarding the logging plans.

A 'No Hunting' zone needs to be created and signed to protect the area around the outdoor classrooms.

A protocol for use of the Town fields needs to be developed, codified and a schedule available to avoid conflicts and questions about procedure among participants and Town officials.

### **Next Regular Meeting**

Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6pm Town Office

Proposed Agenda:

- Approve Minutes
- Budget Update
- Morefest

- Playground Discovery Work
- Website Content Management / Instagram
- Tennis Courts
- Fields Maintenance
- Trails maintenance
- Town Forest Management Plan

#### Ongoing Business

- Bylaws review draft template (on hold)
- Storywalk reroute

Meeting adjourned at: 7:36 pm