

Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting

Meeting Date – January 26 2026

Meeting Time – 6pm, Location – Town Office

Members Present: Chris Stephenson, Lee Anne Martin, Saiward Turnbaugh, Mike Strojny

Public Present: Mike Debonis, MRVRD

Meeting called to order at: 6:03 PM

Agenda

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

Ongoing Business

- Bylaws review draft template (on hold)

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting.

Saiward made the motion, Chris seconded. Approved.

1. Budget

‘have your say’ Pre Town Meeting is Feb 17.

Morefest budget questions remain, specifically fireworks, which are a big event draw.

A proposal to put money into the reserve fund for tennis court resurfacing will not work. That fund is for Town highway equipment. Lee Anne will speak to Cherylyn and Tom Martin about a solution to trying to spread out the cost over several years.

2. Morefest

The Morefest Committee is recruiting volunteers for sub-committees to help the Committee with specific organizing tasks. Projected dates for the 2026 festival are 9/12 or 9/19.

3. Playground

Chris will set up a meeting with the Harwood Superintendent to discuss getting the school district involved is planning.

4 Storywalk

The Friends of the Library were awarded a \$5000 grant to improve accessibility to the path. The Recreation committee needs to work with the Friends of the Library to pursue additional funding to complete the project. Other sources and contacts include T-Mobile, Vermont Adaptive, Go Fund Me, and the Green Mt Club.

Another regional project that may tie into Moretown and the Storywalk is the expansion of the Madriver Path from Warren to Middlesex. There are properties for sale on Pony Farm Road that could facilitate the Path connecting to Moretown Village sidewalks.

5 Trail Maintenance

The Skills Park is in the maintenance budget. The Forestry clearing project is an opportunity for redesign. Ethan Tapper is a source who may be able to educate the community about the benefits of the Forestry Project.

6 Liability and scheduling of Town recreation facilities

Saiward is working on a procedural structure to be used by groups requesting use of town property.

Next Regular Meeting

Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6pm Town Office

Proposed Agenda:

- Approve Minutes
- Budget Update
- Playground
- Morefest
- Tennis Court
- Storywalk financing
- Trails maintenance
- Town Forest Management Plan
- Scheduling and Liability procedure

Meeting adjourned at 7:21