

# Moretown Recreation Committee Meeting

**Meeting Date:** April 27, 2026

**Meeting Time and Location:** 6pm @ Town Office - Pavillon

**Members present:** Chris Stephenson, Lee Anne Martin, Neal Mostov, Saiward Turnbaugh

**Public Present:** None

Meeting Called to order at 6:05 pm

## Agenda

1. Secretary
2. Budget
3. Morefest
4. Pollinator Gardens
5. Succession Planning
6. Recreational Land Use Policy
7. Updates
8. Upcoming

### 1. Secretary Role

Saiward will serve as Secretary.

### 2. Budget

Budget approved. No updates. Chris to check on portalet (Wasted) billing.

Discussion: Court fund - reserve fund, grants, 1x ask??? Next budget cycle to include ask for recreational maintenance fund including but not limited to the court.

### 3. Morefest

Date confirmed: 9/19/26. Time will depend on start time for the fireworks display.

Fireworks: received three (3) quotes for fireworks.

Vendors: earlybird vendor signup went out.

Band: working on confirming band - Glam Cowboys (same as last year).

Discussion of the proposed idea for a community art project that would take place during the event.

- Questions: location, scale, materials used?

Rec committee brainstormed the following:

- Pollinator garden plantings (bulbs) & seed collection
- Pollinator boxes
- Bird & bat houses
- Pavillon art

#### **4. Pollinator Gardens**

Lee Anne to serve as lead and will contact “bee the change” ( <https://beethechange.earth/> ).

Neil and Saiward expressed interest in attending a walkthrough to discuss maintenance and next steps (expansion, seed collection, grass and non-native species mitigation). Invite the team to share at Morefest?

Action Items:

- Connect with bee the change - Lee Anne
- Garden walkthrough - Lee Anne, bee the change?, Neal, Saiward

#### **5. Succession Planning**

Recruitment necessary as current membership is down to four (4). Brainstormed projects for new members to take on or become involved in: Pollinator gardens, Morefest, Trail Maintenance, Skills Park, Courts - Pickleball/Tennis Master, Playground, Instagram.

Volunteers: Brain Burgess offered his assistance with minor maintenance needs.

Action Items:

- a. Approach the Select Board for support advertising openings - Chris
- b. Post to FPF, School Newsletter, reach out to community members individually - All
- c. Create a volunteer contact list - XXXXX

#### **6. Recreational Land Use Policy**

Saiward updated and added the proposed policy to Moretown Recreation Committee Google Drive and shared with committee members for final input.

Action Items:

- a. Committee to review and suggest edits - All

- b. Finalize and present to Select Board at 5/4/26 Meeting - Chris, Saiward
- c. Create Form 2 Recreational Use Application - Saiward
- d. Contact Jenn Grant re playerline up contact info (email) included in policy - Neal

## **7. Updates**

Courts: Neal put up nets

Trails: Chris led a trail maintenance group during recent school event

NPS FEMA Buyouts: Chris attended a recent meeting with community organizations (Mad River Riders, Friends of the Mad River, Mad River Path, Community Forest Trail Committee). Working on building a map, website, and survey for community comment.

Playground: School working with a private donor on the playground located behind school. Rec committee to pause on playground project and suggested the PTO expand the scope of their project to include improving access from front of school to playground - falling snow & ice, narrow access point, drainage issues.

## **8. Upcoming**

- 11 GMVS students to do trail work with Chris on Friday, 5/1/26.
- Select Board Meeting on May 4th at 6pm.

## **Next Regular Meeting**

Monday, May 25, 2026 at 6pm Town Office

Proposed Agenda:

- Approve Minutes
- Updates: Morefest, succession planning, Rec Land Use Policy, bee the change
- Maintenance: Fields, Trails, Court, Storywalk
- Upcoming: maintenance, events, meetings

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm