



PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2020 (Held on Gotomeeting)

Members Present: Ray Boutin, Sara Haskins, Stephanie Hoffman, Kristi McAllister, Allison Link, Judy Bickford

Guests: Tricia Follert, Jess Graham

Tricia Follert called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

- none

II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- None

III. OLD BUSINESS

- **Dog park party**

Grand opening was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 3:00pm. Steph and Casey collected donations for the doggie give away bags and some bigger treats and prizes. North Country Cakes donated cupcakes to give away as people are left and many other businesses donated to the doggie gift bags as well as the prizes. Malia Haskins performed the ribbon cutting and many people were excited to have an enclosed dog park in the downtown. Thank you to everyone for making this happen. Sara will work with Malia to write a press release

- **Health & Wellness Chapter of the Town Plan:**

Allison spoke about the updates that she and Val worked on as well as the comments from the committee for the health and wellness chapter of the town plan and incorporating the 3-4-5 steps from the VT Dept. of Health. This is a vision for our community and Allison will present it to the Planning Council tomorrow evening at 5:00pm. It is a working document that the community can expand on in future years.

- **Skate park**

Allison, Jess and Amy Schaffer have created a subcommittee that is working on creating a skate park and a bike pump track. Alison and Jess presented their brochure of information about the history, why it is needed, the skate park would be a concrete structure and that maintenance needs to be include in the plans. They have set up a gmail and a google drive with all the information. They have begun to look at locations, accessibility and Stephanie spoke of some of the legal ramifications and would help with this aspect when the time comes. They would like to create a FB page in the future to help with fund raising and ask the town about being the fiscal sponsor.

- **Winter Interns**

Moved to December meeting

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- **Winter Programs**
~Library snowshoe loan program, snowshoe party
~Bonfire at the Park
~Ray's wife teaching a health class outdoors during the winter
~Sports stores demo days
~January 28th full moon event honoring John Duffy with live music
~month winter events around the full moon

V. BOARD CONCERNS

- None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- none

VII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Judy to adjourn at 5:40PM. Motion seconded by Steph. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 11th day of November, 2020

Tricia Follert, scribe

Please note all minutes are in draft form and are subject to approval at the next Parks & Rec meeting.