



PARKS & RECREATION MEETING MINUTES | REMOTE | JUNE 14, 2021 | 4:30 PM

In attendance: Stephanie Hoffman, Tricia Follert, Sara Haskins, Kristi Mcallister, Judy Bickford

I. AGENDA CHANGES ADDITIONS -- None

II. APPROVE MINUTES

- May 10, 2021- Sara moved, Kristi seconded. Minutes accepted.

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS - None

IV. TREASURER REPORT – Sara reported the item/activity and amount spent:

- Telescope \$899.00
- May/June events \$ 55.00
- Bird bags \$563.53
- Picnic table \$729.00
- Outdoor equipment \$750.38
- Banner & tablecloth \$377.31
- Estimated Balance \$705.13

Sara and Steph will put together a new budget to present to the Parks and Recreation (P & R) committee at the August 2021 meeting.

V. SUB-COMMITTEE QUICK UPDATES

- Dog Park – Tricia reported no go on the water fountain at the Dog Park as it is too expensive (approx.. \$15,000 to 18,000 according to a rep from Water and Light – W & L), the dog park was closed to let the grass grow but it will now be opened as the grass seed did not take, sod will have to be put down, Tricia will ask Johnny Tilton at W & L about installing a water fountain “attachment” to the fire hydrant, Tricia asked Tina to close the Copley account before 6/30/21.
- Skate Park - Tabled
- Summer Camp Recreation Program – Judy reported that the Town advertised for a Summer Recreation Director. One unqualified person applied. The position was unfilled, and the Town will not hold a Summer Recreation Program this year.
- Parks & Rec Position - The Select Board did approve a part-time Recreation Director to be filed by January 2022. P & R will be responsible for establishing the guidelines for the position, who that person would report to, where would they work, etc.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting Date/Time; Resuming In-Person Meetings –Based on the Doodle poll, the Committee

would like to move the meeting to a different day. The Committee settled on the second Thursday of the month. The group also discussed community feedback that the meeting be moved to a later time to allow greater participation. The Committee discussed keeping the meeting hybrid, in person + virtual. Next meeting will be in person + virtual. **Steph made a motion for the next meeting 7/8 at 5:30, Kristi 2nd, Sara amended the motion to add hybrid to the meeting options, Kristi 2nd. Motion passed**

- Oxbow Access - Tabled
- Building Communities Grants – Due 6/29/21. Lights at the Oxbow for basketball and soccer. Tricia will get together with Logan Haskins regarding the lights
- Membership Drive – Currently 7 members

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- Activity calendar – Each month the P & R Committee will approve the Parks and Recreation sponsored calendar for the upcoming month. (ex: July activities will be approved in the month of June.) Activities that are not approved by P & R may conflict with town resources, committee support, insurance, etc. Anyone can promote/sponsor an activity as an individual but cannot use the Parks and Recreation name unless the Parks and Recreation Committee votes on and approves the event at a properly noticed meeting. The events for June and July are as follows:

June 2021 – MoNature

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

June 26: River Bug Hunt (Tricia)

Join the Lamoille County Nature Center for a family-friendly bug hunt on the Lamoille River, June 26th, from 10-11 am at Oxbow Park. We will explore the multitude of tiny critters that make up the bottom of the river food chain and learn how they make the moving water their home and what they can tell us about the health of the river. Come equipped with your curiosity and be prepared to get your feet wet!

Week of June 14: Birdwatching BINGO (Steph)

See attached sample flyer (PDF p. 5)
Collaboration with Morristown Centennial Library.

June 28: Morristown Trails Scavenger Hunt (Ray)

June 17, 9:00-10:30 am: Seminar – Enjoying and Landscaping with Native Plants (Tricia)

Join Kim Jensen, naturalist and former LCCD Director, for a Riverwalk along Oxbow Park to explore the natural gems along the way including the wildflowers, trees, bird songs, and wildlife signs that are found along the Lamoille.

Week of June 21: Make a Pollinator Homestead

See attached sample handout (PDF pp. 6-9)

July 2021 – MoParks

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July 4: Parade Float/Car + Banner/Candy

July 12: Launch Playground Pentathlon (Ray)

July 17: Dog Park Event 4PM (Steph/Tricia)

Kaitlin of Puppah LLC will do a presentation on “Dog Park Etiquette”; invite local businesses to come (grooming, vets, etc.); provide doggy bags with treats/bandanas

July 18: Wild Mushroom Foraging (Kasey)

Silvio Mazzaresse will lead a walking, interactive wild mushroom foraging tour in Morristown.

Week of July 26: Paint & Sip at Oxbow (Steph/Tricia)

Steph made a motion to accept June calendar, July 2nd. Motion passed

- WNL Summer Activity Coordinator – no applicants
- Banner and Tablecloth Update – Vista Print made the banner. It is ready for P & R to use; it will be displayed at Wed. night Live.
- Star Gazers Update – Judy reported that the telescope that P & R purchased will be used to look at the sun.
- Bike Safety Event Recap – Event went well, approx. 30 people participated
- Soccer Event Recap; June 26 Soccer Event Update - Tabled
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment Update – Judy reported that she and Ray will meet with Kevin Barrows to decide where to install the new equipment – 2 striders.

VIII. BOARD CONCERNS - None

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

- People have been complaining about the road to the Oxbow.
- Some procedural issues:
 - Steph will place the name of the person responsible to report with the agenda item as well as the time allotted for the report on the agenda.
 - Roberts Rules: Someone who wants to introduce a motion on a topic will do so; someone will second the motion, then we have discussion. You can voice opposition or propose an amendment; however, an amendment cannot be in tension with or contradiction with the motion on the table (that is not an amendment, it is a counterproposal that comes after a vote on the motion on the table, but can be discussed during the discussion). Once discussion concludes, the motion will be put to a vote of the Committee. If a motion fails, then an alternative motion can be offered or the topic will be tabled.
 - Subcommittees will have approximately 5 minutes for their reports on a regular basis. Purpose of a subcommittee is to manage the lion share of the issue and only to bring what needs Committee approval at a meeting.
 - These procedural changes will hopefully allow most of our meetings to be about one hour rather than 90 minutes.

- Need to obtain full Committee vote on what the Committee backs (cannot be individual decision); cannot vote via email in between meetings due to Open Meeting Law
 - Questions of liability policy application (Town liability, other organizations, none)
 - Feedback from Town personnel on issuing calendars, updating the website, getting in the newspaper, filter information through one designated person, and overall appropriate utilization of Town resources
 - The need for professionalism and advance planning in response to Town concerns in the overall context of pushing for a paid Rec position
 - Balance volunteer resources
 - Ensure healthy relationships with other local organizations

X. ADJOURN Steph made a motion to adjourn and Sara 2nd it. Meeting adjourned at 5:50
Next meeting 7/8, 5:30 at the Town Offices and virtual