



PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2020

Members Present: Maggie Cleary, Judy Bickford, Sara Haskins, Kristi McAllister, Valerie Valcour

Guests: Tricia Follert & Kristen Connelly

Sara Haskins called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

- Meeting times/dates
- Ice skating Rink

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion made by Valerie Valcour to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019, motion seconded by Maggie Cleary. Motion carried. (5/0).

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Kristen Connelly attended on behalf of the Morristown Elementary School Parent group. They received a grant to get new cross country skis for the Elementary School. There are three boxes of skis and boots that were replaced that they would like to donate the Parks & Rec. There are no poles for them. Tricia will work with Kristen to move the skis to the skating shed. The Committee discussed potential uses for the skis.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Tricia spoke with Justin Earlandt regarding the public ice skate rink. The weather has not been cold enough to get it running for the season yet, they hope it should be good this week and once it is ready they will open it up to the public on the weekends. They requested purchasing two hockey nets that can be placed out for people to use. **Kristi McAllister made a motion to purchase two hockey nets for the public ice skating rink. Valerie Valcour seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5/0)**
- Valerie shared updates on the library partnership. The Poultney library has a pass that can be taken out that gives users discounts to local businesses to rent bikes, skis and other equipment at greatly reduced rates. The Committee talked about exploring partnerships with Power Play & Chucks Bikes to potentially offer this program thru the library.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- The Committee briefly discussed creating a calendar of priority projects and events to

focus on in 2020. Some identified projects were: Spring/fall consignment sales, library partnerships, dogpark, and recreation opportunities at weekly Wednesday Night Live.

- Sara Haskins presented a map of the location of the future dog park approved by the Selectboard. Sara & Tricia would like to apply for the Parks & Rec Committee to the Alexander Hamilton Copley Trust for \$12,000 funding to purchase the fencing and signage. The Committee gave their blessing to apply.
- The Committee discussed potential grant opportunities to apply for. A request was submitted to Morrisville Water & Light for Special Village reserve funding for the final swing set piece for the Oxbow.
- The Committee discussed the Front Porch Forum post about a Community Center. The Committee agreed that this should be explored by a subgroup of Parks & Recreation dedicated solely to this and welcomes anyone that would like to start it and lead the group.
- The Committee discussed hosting a table at Town Meeting and possibly sharing it with another group. A laptop could be there to help people sign up for myrec.com accounts and information about summer recreation camp.
- The Committee is moving forward with the boat, kayak, canoe, paddleboard consignment sale scheduled for May 9th. Judy has created a press release and will contact John Duffy about others that could help with pricing, sales, etc. Kristi and Tricia will reach out to Billi Dunham to see if CCV is an option for the location of the sale.
- Due to schedule conflicts the Committee agreed to change the meeting date and time to the second Monday of the month at 4:30.

VI. BOARD CONCERNS

- **Maggie Cleary:** none
- **John Duffy:** not present
- **Sara Haskins:** none
- **Alison Link:** not present
- **Kristi McAllister:** none
- **Judy Bickford:** none
- **Valerie Valcour:** none

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- None.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Kristin McAllister to adjourn at 5:45PM. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 22nd day of January 2020

Sara Haskins, scribe

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