Worcester Recreation Committee Minutes

Doty School Music Room November 3rd, 2022 6:40-8:03pm

Members Present:

Nancy

Michael

Caitlyn

Chris

Old Business:

Caitlyn recapped information gathered from The Vermont Land Trust regarding the governance of the Ladd Field. Discussion of updating the management plan as mandated by the agreement followed. Committee members agreed to read through the old plan and update during the next meeting.

Nancy talked about the history of the Ladd Field and concerns raised by the family. The desire on the part of the family is to keep the Ladd Field open and usable by the townsfolk of Worcester. There were questions regarding why the meadow is brush hogged and not used for hay. Chris reported on the attempts made by the Ladd Field committee to rehabilitate the field and the financial challenges to creating a viable hay crop on the meadow.

New business:

Trails:

Chris volunteered to look into designs and materials to use for trail signs to mark our existing light trails. The committee agreed to investigate some of the light trails and report back (notebly Trail 18 and Frasier Road) and inquire about land ownership for adjacent properties. The committee also discussed the possibility of contacting other trails committees in nearby towns to hear of their experiences, and to contact VAST regarding their use of Worcester light trails.

Grant Summary:

Caitlyn talked about the various grant opportunities out there that we might be able to access, including but not limited to the Vermont Arts Council.Ideas related to these grants were possible sculpture installations on the field, funding of trail signs, upgrading seating options in and around the recreation facilities, Ladd Field signage and the possibility of a timber framed pavilion in collaboration with Yestermorrow Design Build School.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 1 @ 6:30pm in the Doty Art/ Music Room