

Worcester Recreation Committee Minutes

Location: Doty Music/Art Room

Time: 01/05/2023 6:40pm-8:20pm

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1 Members Present

1. Michael
2. Caitlin
3. Tracker
4. Chris
5. Nancy

2 Approval of Minutes

The committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from 2022-12-01.

3 Old Business

3.1 Vermont Land Trust Management Plan, Review of Section 2

We reviewed each committee member's contributions to section 2 of the management plan and worked together to create an initial draft of the text.

3.1.1 Action Items

Everyone Review section 3 and add comments by the next meeting.

- Note: The document may be found in the committee's shared Google Drive.

3.2 Existing Town Trails

3.2.1 Trail Exploration Update

The committee reviewed our proposal to map the existing public town trails and discussed some ideas for engaging landowners in conversation about possibly providing access to any private trails on their properties.

Tracker discussed some of the GIS resources related to trails and recreation sites available on the VCGI website.

Chris proposed that we try using the Gaia GPS phone app for our initial trail mapping exercise.

3.2.2 Question about Possible Trails Connecting Mackenzie, Downs, and Wood Rd

A community member wrote to the committee asking whether we'd like to participate in working on a trail between these roads. We determined that we aren't yet ready to actively work on trail improvements, but Chris volunteered to help her map it out with his GPS app. It appears that this trail may run along the boundary between Fearn Lickfield and Bill Sargeant's properties.

3.2.3 Action Items

Tracker Download the Worcester roads and trails map(s) from VCGI to provide a base to start from

Chris Contact the community member with the trail question and walk the possible trail between these roads, mapping it with his phone's GPS app

Chris Email the GPS traces he collects in CSV format to our mailing list

3.3 Grants

3.3.1 Vermont Arts Council, Animating Infrastructure Grant

Caitlin reported that she submitted the grant proposal on time and requested \$15,000. We should hear back by January 20th.

3.3.2 Better Places Grant

Caitlin provided some additional details on the rules around applying for this grant. Most importantly, it is a 2:1 matching grant for up to \$40,000. In order to receive this amount, Worcester residents would need to raise half of the requested amount, predominantly through small dollar donations.

3.3.3 Action Items

Nancy Create a first draft of a community survey to ask Worcester residents what they would like us to prioritize this year. In particular, we would like to ask for feedback on a pavilion and whether anyone would be willing to help raise money for or directly work on building one.

4 Next Meeting

Thursday, February 2nd @ 6:30pm at the Doty Music/Art Room

