

Worcester Recreation Committee Minutes
Monday, July 24, 2023, - Doty Elementary Music Room

Present: Michael, Caitlin, Josh, Nancy, Chris
6:45pm

Minutes from last meeting approved

-Vermont Land Trust management plan

Project mgr will be in touch to schedule a time to walk the property, she would like someone from this committee to join her and discuss mgmt plan

-Existing town trails

The committee discussed the below request, sent in an email from Colleen Kutin:

“About the eagle ledge trail. I discussed with neighbors and the hope is that the trail is seen as an opportunity for recreational activity such as fishing, hunting, biking, hiking, walking dogs, snow machining just as it is now. We are hoping the town supports us residents in limiting mud trucks and motorbikes that destroy natural environments. And we ask the town contribute some gravel to the road yearly to compensate for the community traffic (2 loads per year), we will happily drag the gravel”

The committee will agree that inform Colleen that

- We cannot provide the gravel
- If interested in formalizing a parking area with a trail head- the committee would be happy to help facilitate
- They may want to consider using a gate, (must be unlocked to comply with regulations) with signage with outlining rules for usage
- They may want to consult constable about enforcing the rules

-Rt 12 repaving/ bike lane

The committee reviewed bike vision statement- “A Vision for Adding Bike Lanes to VTRANS Projects: Paving the Path to a Sustainable Future” and made plans to create both a letter which can be mailed to local officials and a petition in favor of adding a bike lane.

- Caitlyn will format both the letter and petition (use yellow paper for easiest readability)
- Caitlyn will make copies of both documents and leave extras at the Town Clerk's office
- Caitlyn will create electronic petition
- Committee & community members can pick up petitions from Town Clerk's office to disperse and collect signatures
- Josh will post to Facebook-Worcester Bulletin Board and Front Porch Forum
- Members will email each other where they post petitions
- All signatures to be turned into Committee member by August 28th (next meeting)

-Community Garden request

The committee discussed the below notes, sent in an email from Colleen Kutin:

1) We took measurements about bracing and reinforcing the garden fence behind the soccer field and decided it best to add 4- 8 foot cedar posts to the length of fence already there
And 4-4 foot cedar braces

They have these at fountaine lumber \$9 for 8 feet
6 times \$9 is \$54

Is it possible to make a request for those funds from the ladd field fund?
We are willing to do the work ourselves
Let us know how to proceed

Additionally, we did mention something about our sign too, however we decided to just move it away from soccer goal and hang it on the shed out of soccer ball reach

2) we built 2 compost bins
We placed one between the water tanks
And the other near the shed so they are the least annoying as possible to a mower
We did some weed whacking around the entrance however have had a hard time finishing due to the rain and our busy schedules. the brush hogging for the 4th went around the garden closely to the fence

Chris moved to provide the \$54 for cedar posts requested. Michael seconded. The motion was unanimously approved

Caitlyn will notify Town Clerk's office and notify Colleen of above

-Existing facilities rehab-

Chris expressed gratitude to Matt Morrisette for his work on the ball field and requested he share his vision with the committee- will invite him to his next mtg, Aug 28th

Caitlyn provided an update on the grant from arts council-

There is now a sub committee to select an artist. Members of this committee include: Genevieve Chambron, David Book, Mimi Hill, Caitlyn Howansky and, Mathew Wooliver. Caitlyn asked for a 2nd WRC committee member to join and Chris Eaton volunteered.

An estimate of \$90,000- \$95,000 to reconstruct the basketball court was received. After reviewing an itemization, Caitlyn believed that, with community input, the cost could come down to about \$45,000 and that much of these funds could be obtained through additional community grants.

-Update on Pump Track

Michael consulted with a company who creates Pump Tracks who suggested one could be created in Worcester for approximately \$10,000

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

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