

Worcester Recreation Committee Minutes

Location: Doty Music Room

Time: 01/23/2024 6:35pm-7:33pm

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1 Members Present

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

2 Approval of Minutes

The committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from 2023-08-28.

3 Public Input

A letter was received from Colleen Kutin, raising concerns about possible contamination to the Community Garden from the July 4th fireworks displays. She requests WRC funding to purchase a soil test for the garden.

The committee is open to funding this request provided that the selected soil test and cost are later approved.

3.0.1 Action Items

Caitlin Speak with John Kaeding about this matter and send a response to Colleen.

4 Old Business

4.1 Vermont Land Trust Management Plan, New Draft

At our last meeting in August, Josh generated a draft template for a new management plan and shared it with the committee for live revisions. During the meeting, we edited it together to incorporate our comments for sections 2 and 3, collected over the prior winter and spring.

4.1.1 Action Items

Tracker Merge sections 2 and 3 from the bottom of this document into the latest draft version from Josh. Then format this text into the outline structure provided by the original Google doc.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1McIJB6VnD5D9MqjF9jji9hewEysh_2a/edit

4.2 Town Trails

The committee discussed whether starting with Town Trails or Private Trails would be easier and decided to try developing Private Trails first.

4.2.1 Action Items

Tracker Circulate the landowner liability/waiver forms to the group for review.

Michael Talk with Carter Stowell about marking his trails with signage for public usage.

4.3 Bike Lane Petitions

Michael reports that his petition at Hunger Mountain has acquired 17 signatures so far.

Tracker made a connection recently with an employee of the CVRPC who is willing to discuss the Rt 12 matter.

Caitlin created an online petition but it has not yet been launched. We will hold off until we hear back from the CVRPC.

Once we hear back, we also plan to ask the town clerk to print copies of Michael's petition for circulation.

Some potential targets for distribution include:

- Kip Roberts - Onion River Outdoors

- Chuck's Bikes
- Mountain Mamba
- Josh Saxe - Jackelope Sports
- Phoenix Mitchell
- Craftsbury Outdoor Center
- Concept 2
- The Nature Conservancy

4.3.1 Action Items

Tracker. Speak with Brian Voigt at the CVRPC to determine what stage the Rt 12 repaving plan is in and what changes (if any) our committee/town could request at this point.

4.4 Existing Infrastructure, Basketball Court, Pump Track

Caitlin reported that she has submitted several additional grant applications, but unfortunately we haven't won any of these yet.

4.4.1 Action Items

Caitlin Keep hunting for more funding sources.

5 New Business

5.1 Committee Structure

Josh has offered to step down from the committee. We moved and voted to accept his resignation.

5.2 Meeting Place and Times

The committee moved to change our meeting format to videoconferences going forward. The new standing time for our meetings will be the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.

The meeting link will be as follows:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71348514891?pwd=q2i1M6uh8RC364lpTJbg161DhnUYeS.1>

6 Next Meeting

Thursday, February 15th @ 6:30pm at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71348514891?pwd=q2i1M6uh8RC364lpTJbg161DhnUYeS.1>

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