

# Worcester Recreation Committee Minutes

Location: Doty Music/Art Room

Time: 12/01/2022 6:45pm-8:54pm

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## 1 Members Present

1. Michael
2. Caitlin
3. Tracker

## 2 Approval of Minutes

The committee voted to approve the meeting minutes from 2022-11-03.

### 3 Old Business

#### 3.1 Vermont Land Trust Management Plan

The committee agreed to work through the 5 required sections of the new template plan from the Vermont Land Trust over the next 5 meetings. Before each meeting, each WRC member is asked to review the next assigned session and add comments to the shared Google document. New text will be discussed and drafted during the following meeting.

##### 3.1.1 Action Items

**Everyone** Review section 2 and add comments by the next meeting.

- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1McIJBm6VnD5D9MqjF9jji9hewEysh\\_2a/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109909569510048511955&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1McIJBm6VnD5D9MqjF9jji9hewEysh_2a/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109909569510048511955&rtpof=true&sd=true)

#### 3.2 Selectboard Update

Since our last meeting, the Selectboard agreed to officially delegate any requests to use the Ladd Field to the WRC. They also approved our management of the unused town land behind the transfer station, referenced below in section 3.2.2.

##### 3.2.1 Funding

Our funding will be part of the proposed Town Budget, likely in the ballpark of \$2500.

##### 3.2.2 North Branch Town Land

Development Ideas:

- Ice skating rink
- Footbridge from Ladd Field to town land behind transfer station.

#### 3.3 Existing Town Trails

##### 3.3.1 Trail Exploration Update

The committee reviewed a map of existing town trails but decided to hold off on trying to improve them for now, given the restricted budget available. Instead the committee members discussed creating a new, updated map of all of the trails in Worcester (both public and private) and to distribute this map to interested town members. Some time was dedicated to talking through the technical details of this proposal.

##### 3.3.2 Action Items

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

**Tracker** Identify a smartphone GPS tracking app to use for mapping out new trails

**Tracker** Determine how we can get the GPS traces from a phone back to our laptops

**Tracker** Merge these GPS traces with the VCGI basemap

### **3.4 Vermont Arts Council, Animating Infrastructure Grant**

The committee discussed options for improving the village center with money from a combination grant from the Vermont Arts Council. The due date for application is December 12, 2022.

Possible grant targets identified for improvement include:

- Dugouts
- Basketball court
- Basketball court benches
- Doty flower garden

We have decided not to pursue building a pavilion in Ladd Field with this grant. See section 4.1 below as an alternative funding source for this effort.

#### **3.4.1 Action Items**

**Caitlin** Write up and submit a proposal for a combination grant by the deadline.

**Caitlin** Circulate a draft to the WRC mailing list for feedback prior to submission.

## **4 New Business**

### **4.1 Better Places Grant**

The committee discussed a new grant opportunity brought to us through the Worcester Arts Festival. We see it as worth pursuing and will discuss it further as we learn more specifics.

### **4.2 Vermont Trails & Greenways Council**

The committee was approached by the VTGC with an offer to become a dues-paying member of the organization. After reviewing their online materials, WRC decided not to move forward with membership at this time.

## **5 Next Meeting**

Thursday, January 5th @ 6:30pm at the Doty Music/Art Room

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