



## **PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES**

*January 3, 2019*

Members Present: Alison Link, John Duffy, Sara Haskins, Shelly Schaffer (briefly by phone)

Guests: Valerie Valcour, Donna Sherlaw, Sean Isabell, Jeremy Lamont, Harold Cross, Tricia Follert, David Fainsilber, Adar Fainsilber & Yonah Fainsilber

Alison opened the meeting with introductions at 5:00pm.

### **I. AGENDA CHANGES ADDITIONS**

Students Sean Isabell and Jeremy Lamont spoke about the skate park at Oxbow Park and how it is not safe or fun in the present condition. John Duffy questioned the usage and the students reported that it is used a lot. Sean & Jeremy agreed to meet with other students who use the skate park and report back with pictures about what needs to be done and a list of materials needed to repair the skate park to make it safer. The committee will evaluate the response and come up with an action plan to make the necessary repairs while also looking into the idea of a new skate park (which also was mentioned in the outcomes of the summer conducted during the summer and fall). Tricia will contact Casey Romero about how the Johnson skate park is funded. Alison will follow up with Sean and Jeremy to find a date to have a focus group with a group of teenagers and will also send the plans Mike Parker created for a new skateboard park to them for the students to review.

### **II. SET FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

It was suggested that the permanent meeting schedule be set at 8:15am on the first Wednesday of each month. Alison will follow up with Judy and confirm with the group or send a google poll if this time and date does not work. This time has been confirmed as of 1/6/19

### **III. RISE VERMONT GRANT UPDATES**

RiseVT Grant Update: Sara reported on the RiseVT grant she submitted. The grant is for the skates in the skating shed at Oxbow to be sharpened, vouchers for community members to get used skates and 8 pairs of snowshoes for the community to use. Tricia would like a group of volunteers to help clean up the skate shed and Alison will make a call out to the recreation group email list. It was suggested that maybe the committee also look into other ideas to submit for RISE VT funding, potentially related to playground features at Oxbow park and down the line, to fix up the current skate park.

### **IV. 2019 STRATGIC PLAN**

The group set the following 2019 Strategic Plan priorities:

- Review the assets we have. There is a google document that has been created. Recreation and health related opportunities that are missing need to be added to the document. After the committee and other key stakeholders review this document it the committee will initiate ways to connect with the community. It was suggested to start a community bulletin board with a print out of the list where people can add their thoughts and suggestions.
- Compile a list of feasible events to be accomplished by this committee in 2019.
- Getting the word out. Alison will write a press release to be submitted to the paper detailing five hot topics from the survey, who we are, when we meet and how to be involved.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Selectboard requested the group come up with a distinct name to differentiate from the summer recreation committee that is known as Morristown Recreation. The name “Community Recreation Council (committee or commission) was floated around. Interested parties should send name suggestions to Sara and they will be voted on at the next meeting.

John Duffy reported that he is working on setting up a schedule to use the ping pong tables in the Peoples Academy cafeteria. Harold Cross has spoken with Krista and Sonny Brink about collaboration at the E=MC2 building for adult ping pong nights. E=MC2 has tentatively scheduled them for Thursday nights from 6-8pm beginning January 17, 2019.

The committee suggested that a future meeting include a conversation related to our relationship with other non-profits and related groups including E=MC2

**VI. ADJOURN**

Upon motion the meeting adjourned 6:47pm

Respectfully submitted and filed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

Sara Haskins, scribe

**Approved 2/6/2019**