



**PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES**  
*March 6, 2019*

Members Present: Alison Link, Sara Haskins, Judy Bickford. Kristi McAllister

Guests: Tricia Follert, Maggie Cleary

Sara Haskins called the meeting to order at 8:25am.

**I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS**

- Add/remove members
- CCV health and wellness event

**II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve minutes of February 6, 2019, motion seconded by Alison Link. Motion carried. (4/0).

**III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Motion made by Judy Bickford to accept Shelly Schaffer's resignation from the Committee with regret. Kristi McAllister seconded it. Motion carried. (4/0)**
- **Motion made by Judy Bickford to appoint Maggie Cleary & Tricia Follert to the Morristown Parks and Recreation Committee, motion seconded by Kristi McAllister. Motion carried. (4/0)**
- **Motion made by Judy Bickford to appoint Valerie Valcour to the Morristown Parks and Recreation Committee pending her acceptance, motion seconded by Kristi McAllister.** Alison Link suggested we look in the next months for other stakeholders that might want to join the Committee. **Motion carried. (4/0)**
- Tricia Follert shared about a CCV Health & Wellness event on May 4<sup>th</sup> that students are organizing and would like the Committee to partner with them. It is the same day as green up day and it was suggested the Committee could promote an improve the Oxbox Park day at the same time. The Committee agreed to partner with the students to assist with promoting the event and making connections in the community. Tricia agreed to be the liaison between the two groups and will invite them to the next Committee Meeting.
- Sara Haskins informed the Committee that the Town Annual budget including the line items for Parks & Recreation passed at Town Meeting.

- The Committee discussed the importance of a couple of play structures at the Oxbow Park. Alison Link is going to contact the recipients in Craftsbury who just received a Rise Vermont grant for playground equipment for ideas. Tricia is going to contact Yvette Mason to see if she has ideas from Burlington Rec. Sara is going to contact Johnson to learn about their train & boat on the rail trail. The Board agreed that a climbing structure & a couple swings would be best and some natural elements that could be built. Kristi McAllister reminded the Board that Eagle Scouts are often looking for projects and could help with the natural elements.
- Kristi McAllister informed the Committee that she is in the process of hiring a Summer Recreation Camp Director. Planning is underway for camp this summer. Dates are June 24- August 9.
- Sara Haskins suggested creating a yearly recreation calendar and start planning quarterly events six months in advance. Some spring/summer events suggested were:
  - Ongoing summer events like kickball, ultimate Frisbee or an adult softball league
  - Back to School movie night at Oxbow Park
  - Event at the Corn Roast
  - Event at Wednesday night live
  - Event at Rocktoberfest
  - Town Forest walk with Ron Stancliff
  - Kids Night Out
  - Event at 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - Dog Park
  - Parent/child Yoga & Cooking class

## V. OLD BUSINESS

- Maggie Cleary presented the idea of having a bike tune up day in May. Maggie & McKee MacDonald of Carlson Real Estate are willing to sponsor the event. Maggie will contact them and set a date in May. The Committee discussed having it at the Oxbow Park & reaching out to Chuck's Bikes & to Power Play Sports to participate. The Committee suggested reaching out to Valerie Valcour, Copley Hospital & Morristown Rescue regarding bike helmets that could be given out or sold at a low cost and also to E=MC2 to see if they wanted to do a bike collection for the bike share. Once the date is finalized Judy will reach out to food vendors to come to the event.
- The Committee decided not to continue with the open gym on March 30<sup>th</sup> but did decide to partner with MACC and their winter volleyball tournament.
- Tricia gave an update about the snowshoe program. The snowshoes have been purchased from the Rise Vermont Grant and are at the Morristown Library for people to borrow. Tricia is working on publicizing the program.

**VI. BOARD CONCERNS**

- **John Duffy:** not present.
- **Sara Haskins:** none.
- **Alison Link:** Make it a goal to get all things recreation document online.
- **Judy Bickford:** none.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Maggie will reach out to the News & Citizen about doing a monthly recreation column in the paper.

Sara & Tricia will work with Erica Allen on updating the recreation page of the Town website.

**VIII. ADJOURN**

**Motion made by Alison Link to adjourn at 9:50AM. Motion seconded by Kristin McAllister. Motion carried. (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019

Sara Haskins, scribe

*Please note all minutes are in draft form and are subject to approval at the next Parks & Rec meeting.*