

Wolcott Recreation Committee (WRC)

8/17/2015- School Street Rec Field

6:00PM-7:00PM

Attending: Dom LaPorte; Jackie Cassino; Maxfield English; Pastor Eddie Kish

General Business

- **Organizational structure.** Nominating a chair- Jackie to touch base with Kee as he expressed some interest. Eddie offered to serve as a potential co- or vice-chair. Jackie volunteered to continue to serve as note-taker. Per Maxfield- the group also needs to breach the subject of the WRC having bylaws of some sort. We need to determine- How much oversight the SB need or want? Based on how projects are funded? Wolcott town funds, grants, other outside sources. The WRC should also establish a Mission Statement.
- **Communication.** Jackie provided Town staff with general information about the WRC to be put on the website (committee members, meeting dates/times, meeting minutes, etc.). The WRC still needs to brainstorm on how/when to get the word out on our work.
- Upcoming meetings
 - 9/2 Selectboard meeting. Maxfield, Kee, and Jackie to attend to discuss the grant opportunity, bleachers project, and to provide a general committee update.
 - Need to reschedule next Rec committee meeting as will fall on holiday- 9/7/15.

Projects Update:

- Bleachers- **Kee will attend the next SB meeting to confirm funds available.**
- Willow sculptures- **Maxfield will touch base with Kate Whitehead and artist.**
- Planters- **Dom and Allison continue to maintain.** Need to begin thinking about relocation for winter home.
- River Access-Jim Ryan (Lamoille River Paddlers Trail Association) recently emailed:

I wanted to give the Rec Committee a heads-up that I met with the select board last week to ask for their ok for the Lamoille River Paddlers Trail Association to put in a canoe access area at the town ballpark land, on the back corner near where the Elmore Branch comes into the Lamoille. The LRPTA is also interested in allowing folks to camp out there when overnighing in tents. This probably would not happen often since most folks overnight camping would likely be camping at campsites further downstream. The rec field is a good site due to the access, mowed field, and portable toilet. I suggested that the select board discuss this with the Rec Committee given your work priorities. Just giving you folks a heads-up to possibly discuss. I will likely meet with the SB again at their next meeting with more info.

All present discussed- generally in favor of, but will need additional details from Jim. This could be an opportunity to discuss Kee's idea re: river access and better signage for access points.

Jackie will follow up with Jim via email.

- Trail Project- Discussion continued from previous meeting. **Maxfield to touch base with Elementary School Principle re: permission to build trail on property. Jackie and Maxfield will attend next SB meeting and discuss general project idea.** If all parties are on board, WRC will organize a trail work day- to build an informal trail for this school year. WRC will apply for grant fund to make formal trail next construction season.