

Wolcott Recreation Committee

8/3/2015- Wolcott Town Office

6:00PM-7:00PM

Attending: Taylor Foster (LCPC Staff); Allison and Dom; Kee Gillen; Jackie Cassino

Meeting Dates/Times:

- Currently meeting every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 6PM.
- Selectboard typically meeting every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Aiming to meet before the SB meetings on a regular basis.
- Allison will be unable to attend Monday night meetings beginning in September.
- Group proposing to meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month- same time/place.
- **TASK:** All to respond via email- Will this new meeting day beginning in September work for other Rec Committee members?

Communication

- Need to set and keep to regular meetings- regularly warned public meetings (can warn via Town website) are easier logistically than setting new meetings every month.
- Town is receiving some complaints about the planters. Rec Committee needs to communicate previous grant work and current committee work to the Town. How best to do this? Discussed:
 - 1) Requesting space on the Town website to provide basic information about the Rec Committee including: regular meeting times; members; meeting agendas/notes; and project summaries (including the recent Community Visioning Report).
 - 2) Making regular announcements on Front Porch Forum.
 - 3) Participating in Town Meeting.
- **TASK:** Jackie to follow up with Belinda re: information on Town website.

Athletic Association Update(s)

- Kee regularly attends these meetings. There is opportunity for coordination with both groups.
- Tomorrow night's Athletic Association meeting will discuss moving the ball field closer to the river within the athletic fields on School Street.
- Kee priced out aluminum benches- estimated cost plus delivery is \$1,000.00. All present agreed to utilize Rec Committee budget to purchase these benches.
- **TASK:** Kee will continue to attend Athletic Association Meetings. Kee will contact Belinda regarding how the Rec Committee needs to go about making this purchase.

Village Crosswalk

- Taylor Foster, Jackie Cassino, Maxfield English, and Belinda Clegg attending a meeting with VTrans staff (Dave Cross) to discuss potential crosswalk siting in Village along Route 15 between the parking area and MSI buildings.
- General consensus for cross walk location to be from Town Hall to MSI buildings.
- Taylor working with MSI (Dawn Smith) to determine their interest- depending on future site plans, parking, etc..
- **TASK:** Taylor to update the Recreation Committee when she has gotten an update from MSI.

Willow Sculptures

- Maxfield English working with artist for Fall plantings.
- Paid for through grant funds.
- Location for planting will be at the School Street Athletic Fields- specific location dependant on whether or not ballfield moves.
- **TASK:** Maxfield to follow up on.

Planters

- Allison is on-board with continued maintenance of planters.
- Town getting some complaints- see above under communication. This will be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting.
- **TASK:** Jackie will contact Belinda and determine as to whether or not a Rec Committee member needs to attend to address concerns.

River Access

- Kee interested in Rec Committee maintaining 3 river access points in town.
- Group discussed need for better signage for the dry-hydrant access point along Elmore Pond Road.
- Group also discussed working with local paddling group Lamoille River Paddling Club (correct name?).
- **TASK:** Jackie to touch base with Jim Ryan to discuss Paddling Club. All else- To be continued next meeting.

Trail Work Day + Grant Opportunity

- Group interested in organizing a volunteer day to help cut an informal trail from the school down to the Athletic field on School Street.
- Maxfield has scoped the potential path.
- Preferably this month or early September for the volunteer day.

- Jackie discussed Town applying for a VT Parks & Rec Recreational Trails Grant to assist in formally building the trail. Grant opens in in October- application due February 1st. Can apply for up to \$50,000.00 A 20% match is required.
- **TASK(S):** Jackie to check with Maxfield re: previous grant application for this project through the VTrans Bike/Ped Grant Program. May be able to repackage that application for this grant. TBC (next meeting): Does the Rec Committee have the match already as part of our annual budget? Does this need to be approved by the Town before any work begins? Securing enough volunteers and picking a date.

Pocket Park

- Site of Buck's Building tear-down- river side, near Fred's. Group discussed as great location for a pocket park.
- TBC: next meeting. Logistics of project. Meeting with MSI. If approved- developing site plan, budgeting for materials, etc. and organizing work dat.
- **TASK:** None at this time.