

Waterbury Recreation Committee Meeting Notes

Members:
 Gordon Miller
 Jason Bahner
 Louisa Nufield
 Herschel Murray
 Bill Minter
 Peg O'Neill

Meeting date: 4/18/11
 Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
 Location: Thatcher Brook Elementary School
 Chairman: Gordon Miller

Attending: Gordon Miller, Bill Minter, Peg O'Neil, Herschel Murray, and special guest **Greg Western** from the **Cross Vermont Trail**

ITEMS	NOTES	ACTION
Summer Rec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New summer camp director hired. Meeting with Jess on Wednesday • Rec. committee wants to meet with new director and offer support. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peg will try to join meeting on Wednesday. Offer meeting with committee to show support
Greg Western Cross Vermont Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg asked what rec. does. Gordon explained • Greg explained how he got involved with Waterbury trails via Waterbury in Motion and gave some background about the Cross Vermont Trail. East West trail, rail bed inspired folks, but that rail bed is privately owned. Follow Winooski Burlington to Wells River. 90 miles of trail in concept. Currently there is 30 miles of trail that exists in pieces willy nilly across the state as towns and folks have built trails that can be pieces. Gave Moretown bridge example. • Seth Coffee 1998 helped with signage of Cross Vermont trail behind the state complex in Waterbury. Recently new signs were posted • where does Cross Vt trail work? In towns that ask for help. • Gordon asked where get funding? Originally funded through v.trans under Howard Dean (Seth Coffee era) 501 3c, board 2 part time staff. Some in kind funding from Central Vt Regional planning Commission. Gas tax goes toward trail development. Conservation includes recreation land – hence trail. Some from parks and Rec. As projects develop, Cross VT Trails will apply for grants and advocate and raise money through membership dues. Mostly project grants. Building trail across the state. There are public grants available to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site visit to Ice center loop path With Greg 9:00am Thurs. • Gordon and rec committee supporting Greg's proposed work plans for Cross Vt trail around the state complex • •

	<p>develop a trail across the state. CrossVtTr can offer towns support. Gave example of Grotton State Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What really makes a trail is that people believe it is a trail. Some places line of site trail looking to look at. Second way is to put up signage so folks see at is a trail even though the trail itself is washed away. • • Discussion of the Cross VT trail around state complex • Greg's idea: create 1. south end trail head where there is currently a bench across the driveway from the side walk (kiosk? Sign?) 2. Trail head at cemetery at winoski st. across from dac roe. 3. path permitted or allowed to continue in woods behind fleet parking area. 4. grade or shape to crown the treadway of existing trail. Farm road part. • • Discussion of the loop path around the ice center • 	
Skate Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has raised \$4,00.00 +/- • Is a group protesting the skate park with the Select Board? • Should there be a skate-park in the village? 	•
Friends of Waterbury Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propose Duncan attend future meeting of rec. committee to discuss formation of 501(c)(3) 	• Bill contact Duncan – request meeting
News Release Public Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam shared draft of press release 	• Peg will send news release via email for feedback
Ice Center Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon presented Ice Center Master Plan: soccer fields, bike park, dog park, loop path • Actionable items: Trail work. Dog park fencing must wait for storage materials removal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Thurs. site walk at ice center loop path • 6:30 Wed. April 27th Design Charrette:
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Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Day May 21,22 • Bike parade w SSAF July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peg organizing equipment • Gordon organizing volunteers