

Waterbury Recreation Committee Meeting Notes

Members:

Gordon Miller Bill Minter
 Jason Bahner Peg O'Nei
~~Louisa Nufield~~ Jeff Fuller
 Herschel Murray

Meeting date: 5/16/12
 Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
 Location: Congregational Church
Chairman: Peg O'Neill

Attending: Gordon Miller, Bill Minter, Peg O'Neil, Jeff Fuller, Herschel Murray, **Becca Washburn, Jay Provencher**

ITEMS	NOTES	ACTION
Rec Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of previous meeting minutes • Concerns over current summer rec director • Formerly a summer rec director and a part time Recreation Director – consensus that these need to be different people • Becca spoke to the great interest and opportunities for recreation that were identified during the FEMA LTCR meetings. • These resources can provide business generation that would NOT be dependent upon state workers and GMCR. Has greater growth potential for our business community • Recreation Master Plan • Recreation Director • Feasibility Study for Little River – Village connector trail • Make Stowe – Waterbury a Vermont Ride Center need to connect pods • East Burke #s : 50,000 people visit /yr, \$5 million came into the local economy • Stowe Mt. Bike Club proposal to state re intermediate trail development in Putnam Forrest. • How can recreation committee best support these three goals? • How can we fund the director position? • Find some private entity willing to fund initial start up, then director fund raises and grant writes and finds funding to replace initial investor. • 1/3 town budget, 1/3 initial investor, 1/3 raised by director. • Recreation Committee could be sponsoring organization to advance these three initiatives. • Meetings 2nd Wednesdays • Convince Select Board to include trail in Community Development block grant. • Chris Cole from Vtrans FHWA • Mike Snyder commissioner of Forest Parks and Recreation • Need spokesperson for our community and our desire for recreation related infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becca will email Rebecca Ellis, John Grenier concerning conclusions of this meeting • She will CC rec committee • Rec. Committee passed motion to be sponsoring entity for three proposed initiatives • Rec committee will host monthly meetings and invite interested parties

	<p>improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOTION: Peg moved that the recreation committee should be the sponsoring agency for the three proposed initiatives: Recreation Master Plan Recreation Director Feasibility Study for Little River – Village Connector Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Motion was passed by unanimous vote • Discussion of prioritization of three projects Unanimous consent that Recreation Master Plan will be first step priority that will lead to the creation of the Recreation Director position 	
Skate park and basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff expressed concerns about the skaters and basketball players interacting successfully in present configuration. • Interaction may be unsafe • proposal to select board was for a multi-use area • Conclusions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon will host meeting between Jeff and Belle
groomer and XC ski trail review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget request was made to town manager – no response as yet • Budget request repeat • Work day – walk day • Bill proposed June 3rd after bike walk breakfast • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill will connect w Tom Thurston re work day walk day after Bike walk breakfast
Community Path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herschel reported that some mowing has been done on the trail • Herschel identified an important maintenance item • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peg and Gordon will address work on the trail in own time
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday June 13 • Create Calendar of events and “To Do”s for Recreation Jan to Jan in an effort to become pro-active and not re-active • Discussion of summer rec. <p>Parent surveys Process for exit interviews and evaluation of program Hiring process for Summer 2013 to begin in March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By laws • visioning • Review peg's Mission Statement samples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •