

Town of Richmond
Recreation Committee Meeting
Notes Submitted by Sheri Lynn
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7 - 8:30 PM
Volunteers Green Band Shell

- I. Call to Order (by 7:05pm)
- II. Welcome and Roll Call: Sheri, Kate, and Chrissy members in attendance. Sheri takes minutes and Ravi will send link to recording as backup.
- III. Public comment for non-agenda items (7:05-7:15)
 - a. Chrissy's last meeting as member.
 - b. Ravi reminded members about the sidewalk scope study project, walk by trails plan (meeting next month), and transportation committee looking at grants.
 - c. Sheri mentioned the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association (VRPA) Annual meeting May 11. \$45 dollar cost includes meeting and workshop (not sure it is in the budget). Richmond has a membership.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (7:15-7:20): Apr 5, 2022, Chrissy motioned to approve minutes, Kate seconded. Motion passes.
- V. Business: (7:20 - 8:30)
 - a. Area: Volunteers Green:
 - May 31 MMU Volunteer day: Ideas repaint benches, cleaning and painting picnic tables, raking debris, pick up sticks, and other green up. Kate said she could back up Duncan possibly the day of the community service volunteer day.
Action Items: Sheri will check with Duncan if he can help the day of and if there are supplies for the students to perform the work.
 - July 4th Volunteer Sign Up and Activities: Petra Cliffs is bringing a boulder to climb which is safer. Lisa asked about the time to set up. The vendors are coming at 8 and likely a good time for Petra Cliffs to set up. Have not gotten any volunteers outside of Mark and myself. The sign up was on Richmond and Huntington Front Porch Forum. Only a couple of hours for the 4th, set up signs, set up and clean. Proposed goal is to get 20

volunteers. Kate may be away and Chrissy is away that week. Is there a service organization? PTA. Something for everyone. Bring your kids.

- **Action Items:**

- Kate will work on a flyer to promote signing up and also check with the Parents Teachers Association (elementary, middle and high school).
- Kate and Sheri will put up flyers in businesses, libraries, and in the Volunteer's Green (laminated) with a QR code to the sign up survey.
- Kate will follow up with someone she knows on the PTA about the sign up.
- Sheri will send Front Porch Forum write up as a resource Kate to make the flyer. Put my email on the flyer.
- Chrissy and Sheri will reach out to the schools.
- Sheri will send notice to the Richmond Senior Center.

b. Recreational Committee Member and Volunteer Recruitment: May 16 is when the Selectboard review the applications. We can review them and make a recommendations. The application process is continuous. If Kirsten applies that gets us to five and need to recruit for Bolton (priority). Other Richmond representatives to get another person.

- **Action Step:**

- Ravi will forward the email of the alternative Bolton representation to Sheri and she will reach out to the person.
- Kate will write up and post on Richmond Front Porch Forum to join the rec committee. Chrissy post on the Bolton Front Porch Forum

c. Area: Funding/Grant Writing:

- Grant opportunities: Do we have other funding opportunities for Volunteers Green? None that the members were aware of other than a trails grant but doesn't apply.
- **Action Step:** Ravi will get the feedback from the VOREC grant.

- d. Meetings: We will go to hybrid option moving forward? Yes we are moving to in person in the town office or in the Green with Zoom. Hybrid opens it up to everyone. Couple meetings could be in the warmer months on the Green. Not sure we will meet July 5.
- e. Next meeting June 7: Set agenda items for next meeting and minute take. Suggestion work plan (pick a task). Decide if we meet July 5. Invite the Richmond resident (Rob Peterson) who is on the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association board or Mad River Valley Park District. Discuss the feedback/inquiry form from the work plan. Is this for the events at the Volunteers Green or something else? Sheri will check with Kirsten who may recall. Ravi thought it may be for Volunteers Green facilities.
- f. Motion to Adjourn: 8:15