

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR June 1, 2021

Members Present: Chrissy Keating, Kirsten Santor, Mark Fausel, Kate Anderson, and Kate Kreider

Members not present: Harland Stockwell, Rich Roberge, Stefani Hartsfield

Others Present: Ravi Venkataraman, Justin Graham, Rod and Kristen West

Kirsten Santor called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Public Comment/Non-agenda items:

- Rod and Kristen West came to the committee with an idea for summer “Picnics in the Park”. Once a month, there could be an advertised community picnic on the Richmond Green. Example: 1st Sunday of the month.
 - Ideas include: Tents, games, bike races, music, etc
 - Bring own food: pack it in, pack it out
 - An ongoing event that brings the community together

Next steps:

- Ravi will ask if town insurance is needed to cover the event
- We will inquire if the Town Event fee could be waived
- Action Now committee will work with Rod, Kristen, and Trish Healy on exploring the opportunities

Kristen also asked who can manage the “driveway” between the bandshell and playground? People are driving their cars down the driveway to pick up their boats, floats, etc. It is a potential safety issue. Can it be permanently blocked off? In addition, Umiak Outfitters will be running tubing trips from Jonesville to Richmond this summer. We anticipate an increase in traffic.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting:

Motion by Mark to approve the May 4th meeting minutes, seconded by Kate.

Voting: unanimous.

Motion carried.

New Business:

Committee Restructure: Kirsten handed out a document with current committee members and structure for review.

Discussion:

We would like to remove alternate spots on the committee.

Chrissy Keating is resigning her Clerk position.

Kate Anderson was nominated to become Vice-chair and Clerk.

Kirsten Santor will remain Chair of the committee.

Mark made a motion to accept the committee's restructuring as discussed. Kate Kreider seconded. Voting unanimous. Motion carried.

Summer meetings:

Committee agreed that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 27th at 7pm. We may be able to meet in the Town Office on that date if we are unable to meet outdoors. We will not have an August meeting.

Game Box at Stone's Throw:

Stone's Throw is not able to manage a game box on their property. Kirsten or Ravi will talk to John and/or Pete about the best location for the box.

We have funds designated to purchase a weatherproof box with a cover. The Town Office may have a closet to house the games in the winter.

Committee Objectives:

Justin Graham pulled the objectives assigned to the committee from the Town Plan. He will share with the committee. We will revisit objectives at the next meeting.

Postcard Survey:

Kate Anderson and Justin Graham have put together a survey for the tri-towns. The survey is asking residents to prioritize what recreation opportunities they would like to see.

The postcards will be mailed to all households in Richmond, but Bolton and Huntington residents are encouraged to participate online.

Respond to the survey by:

1. Completing the paper postcard survey and dropping it at a TBD location
2. Follow link provided on postcard
3. Scan QR code

Next steps:

- Provide feedback to Justin by 12pm on 6/7
- Justin to get a print cost quote to bring back to committee
- Present survey to Select board on 6/7
- Send out postcards in early July

Kate Anderson made a motion to use remaining Rise VT funds to assist in the printing and mailing cost of the postcards. Mark seconded. Voting: unanimous. Motion carried.

Brochure update:

Kurtis has been working on the recreation opportunities brochure. We will have one more opportunity to provide feedback once he sends the latest draft. Committee agreed to include "nearby" recreation opportunities in a separate section of the brochure.

We should include the 4th of July information as well as the FB page for the event.

We should also highlight the Town Library and their activities.

It is important to have approval of landowners if we are including areas on private property.

Mark made a motion to end the meeting; Kate Anderson seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Keating