

Richmond Recreation Committee

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR November 19, 2020

Members Present: Mark Fausel, Chrissy Keating, Martha Nye, Kirsten Santor, Kate Anderson

Members Absent: Ashley Hanlon, Harland Stockwell, Stefani Hartsfield, John Linn, Naomi Hahr

Others Present: Justin Graham (RiseVT), Trish(community member)

Kirsten Santor opened the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Public comment:

Trish asked about Browns Court as a property to be utilized as a recreation space for the town. She considers it a hidden gem of Richmond.

Martha noted the Senior Center has used it for outdoor activities. Mr. Godfrey (Physical Education teacher) from RES also uses the space for recess, riding bikes, etc.

If anyone wants to reserve the space, they contact the Richmond Town Clerk, Linda Parent. Committee is interested in knowing who oversees the space for maintenance, rules, and enforcements?

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting:

Motion by Kirsten to approve the November 3rd meeting minutes, seconded by Martha.

Voting: unanimous.

Motion carried.

New business:

Review Objectives:

Kirsten asked if anyone had modifications they would like to make. Committee was satisfied with the list.

Kirsten gave an update on the website and potential for an intern:

-Selectboard is in a better position to host a new website. Our committee should focus on the recreation section of a new website.

-Kirsten reviewed the idea of a clickable brochure that can be linked to the town's website and registration forms. The brochure can be updated as needed. See Essex Recreation Department's "brochure" as an example.

-This brochure can be shared online, emailed, and printed as needed.

-This is a great opportunity for an intern.

Motion by Kirsten to approve objectives, seconded by Martha.

Voting: unanimous.

Motion carried.

Assign Tasks:

Justin organized the task list into categories:

A: Short-term projects/Action now (4 people)

B: Community outreach (3 people)

C: General research (2 people)

-Categories are not mutually exclusive. There will be overlap.

-Each subcommittee will meet(virtual, email, phone) outside of Recreation Committee meetings to identify actionable items and begin work.

-Subcommittees will report out at the next Recreation Committee meeting.

Current subcommittee assignments:

-Action Now: Kirsten, Kate, Trish, and Justin

-Community Outreach: Mark, Martha, and Chrissy

-General Research:

Next Steps: Kirsten will reach out to other members not present to determine their subcommittee interest. Subcommittee assignments will be complete by Tuesday, November 24th.

Town Ordinance:

Committee agreed that duties assigned to the Recreation Committee in the town ordinance should be reviewed by the Town Manager and Town Clerk.

Questions include:

-Where did this document originate?

-Who designated the Recreation Committee to be in charge of these duties?

These tasks and duties currently fall with the Town Manager and Town Clerk. Should we keep it this way for consistency and accessibility?

Next steps: Kirsten will reach out to Linda Parent and Josh Arneson for clarification and will report back at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Mark to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kirsten.

Voting: unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Keating