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| Inviting community involvement and relationship | Community members | many activities included to be specific to residents ~ perhaps following the practice of the senior center | | |
| to be a resource for recreation opportunities for both the RBH communities and visitors to our communities | community members and new residents) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers Green List amenities, • VG Cross country trail • Cochran’s - link • RFL – snow shoe loan, • Brown's Court, • Round Church, • Playground locations (include schools) Richmond Camels Hump Middle School, • sledding locations, • Fish & Game club, • VYCC, • Kayak/Canoe access at Volunteers Green, Cochran road canoe access, • Andrews Forest, • Mtn, hiking and Biking – link to Trails Committee, • Gillett Pond –Link to Friends of Gillette Pond, • Trail running – link to trails committee(groups, access), • youth sports league fall soccer and spring fall little league, • Adult sports leagues? • snowshoe rentals, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleepy Hollow • Huntington Town Forest and Community Forest, • Huntington Rec Area, • Audubon, • Birds of VT Museum, • Camels Hump State Park, • Brewster Piece School • Huntington Library – children and adult events • Huntington Community Gardens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bolton Potholes, • Umiak (tubing), • Winooski footbridge, • Long Trail, • Bolton Dome, • Smiley School |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rec parking map, • swimming areas, • cross VT trail, • Farr's farm- sunflower maze • Richmond Farmers Market Link <p>Summer Camps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCCC, • Twin hills, • Allison's Aquatics, • New Moon, • Radiate | | |
| <p>Aim at reaching people who are local. Residents of Richmond and the surrounding towns in the area, such as Huntington, Bolton, and Jericho.</p> | <p>great resource for area residents who don't know what is available and for people who are new to the area</p> | <p>Trails for Mountain biking, hiking, and running. (as we discussed we could put a link to the Trails Committee page) Snowshoeing (Richmond Free Library snowshoe program) Cross-country skiing (I believe that there is usually a groomed ski trail at Volunteers Green in the winter. I haven't used it though, so we may want to double check that.) Volunteers Green (List amenities- details below) Richmond Farmers Market (include link to their website)</p> | | |

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| | | <p>Cochran's Ski Area (include link to their website) Fall Youth Rec Soccer at Volunteers Green (include link to their website) Richmond Little League (baseball): there is a spring and a fall program. (Include a link to their website). Radiate Art Space: (include link to their website) Would this count as recreation? See comments below Access/boat launch points on the Winooski River in Richmond (Volunteers Green, Cochran road canoe access, access point further East on Cochran road Gillett Pond: Richmond Free Library link Senior Center on our page? Browns Court? I don't know if we should include this area on our website as well? Richmond Elementary School/Camel's Hump Middle School:</p> | | |
| <p>To provide recreational resources available in Richmond and neighboring Huntington and Bolton with</p> | | <p>Add the vision, mission and goals and a section on the History of VG</p> | | |

Emailed Comments Details

I think it best for the web page focus to be for community members with efforts toward inviting community involvement and relationship. The many activities included to be specific to residents ~ perhaps following the practice of the senior center?

- 1) What the purpose or goals of the website: to be a resource for recreation opportunities for both the RBH communities and visitors to our communities.
 - 2) what each person and town would like to include: Volunteers Green, Cochran's, RFL, Brown's Court, Round Church, Playground locations (include schools), sledding locations, Fish & Game club, VYCC, Canoe access, Andrews Forest, Mtn Biking, Gillett Pond, Huntington Gorge, Sleepy Hollow Huntington Town Forest, Huntington Rec Area, Audubon, Birds of VT Museum, Camels Hump State Park, Bolton Potholes, Umiak (tubing), Winooski footbridge, Brown's Court, Long Trail, Bolton Dome, Summer Camps: OCCC, Twin hills, Allison's Aquatics, New Moon, Radiate, Trail running (groups, access), youth sports league, adult sports leagues?, snowshoe rentals, rec parking map, swimming areas, cross VT trail, and Farr's farm-sunflower maze.
 - 3) Who the website is for (community members and new residents): I believe that if we create a good website for one group (i.e. community members) it will also serve other groups well (i.e. visitors). We cannot control who finds our website so I believe that it should be helpful, informative, and inclusive to anyone that uses it.
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From my viewpoint, I feel that the website should aim at reaching people who are local. Residents of Richmond and the surrounding towns in the area, such as Huntington, Bolton, and Jericho. It could be a great resource for area residents who don't know what is available and for people who are new to the area. When I first moved to Richmond 11 years ago, I had no idea what the recreation opportunities were here. It was many years until I realized that there are some trails within walking distance of my house! And even though I have been here a long time now, I don't really know what the recreation opportunities are in Bolton and Huntington or where they are.

I do also think that we should be careful about how we advertise the recreation opportunities so that we aren't worsening the overload that our recreation resources have been under in recent years by people from way outside of our area coming to our towns to recreate. I don't think that we should put for-profit businesses on the website, but non-profits like Cochran's and Radiate Art Space I think would be appropriate. I like supporting our local non-profits.

As for recreation opportunities...I only know Richmond well...but here are my ideas:

- **Trails for Mountain biking, hiking, and running.** (as we discussed we could put a link to the Trails Committee page)
- **Snowshoeing** (Richmond Free Library snowshoe program)
- **Cross-country skiing** (I believe that there is usually a groomed ski trail at Volunteers Green in the winter. I haven't used it though, so we may want to double check that.)
- **Volunteers Green** (List amenities there, such as the trail, playground, soccer fields, baseball fields, bathroom facilities, band shell, lawn games that the Rec Committee purchased, open green space for various activities, boat launch for small boats such as kayaks and canoes, access for swimming in the river, picnic tables, reservations can be made for those who would like to have events). It may be worth adding a note about the leash law for dogs since it is always an issue every summer.
- **Richmond Farmers Market** (include link to their website)
- **Cochran's Ski Area** (include link to their website)
- **Fall Youth Rec Soccer** at Volunteers Green (include link to their website)
- **Richmond Little League** (baseball): there is a spring and a fall program. (Include a link to their website.)
- **Radiate Art Space:** (include link to their website) would this count as recreation? I love this non-profit and my kids really enjoy their programs. They also host adult and community programs. They organized a town-wide art crawl as well that I believe they will continue to do annually. They have also engaged the community through painting/designing the murals/artwork on the town center building. They are located in the basement of the town center.
- **Access/boat launch points** on the Winooski River in Richmond (Volunteers Green, Cochran road canoe access, I think there's an access point further East on Cochran road too but I haven't used it. There is the gorge as well, but I haven't been there so I don't know much about it.
- **Gillett Pond:** I haven't been there but I know it is popular for swimming in the summer and skating/x-c skiing in the winter. I know someone who lives near the pond who I could get more information from.
- Maybe it would be worth including links to the **Richmond Free Library** and the **Senior Center** on our page? They both do a lot of community programs.
- **Browns Court?** I don't know if we should include this area on our website as well? The concern is that if it brings in a lot more people to the property and then causes issues for the neighbors. There is only a softball field there now. The open field area is nice for playing various activities though.

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- **Richmond Elementary School/Camel's Hump Middle School:** They have a playground, basketball court, athletic fields, and last summer they installed a beginner mountain bike loop around the athletic fields that is pretty cool and great for kids! I don't mountain bike and I had fun on it! We would want to specify that people should only go during non-school hours though.

History of Richmond Recreation Committee

Established early 70's

Help to create Volunteers Green:

One ballfield, a sand box, locally made swing set and climbing apparatus

Rest of the field a corn field leased by the Farr family

Hired the mowers

Picked up the trash

Established a concert series with town funds

Help sponsor a Red Cross swim lesson program at Lake Iroquios

1980's – 2000

Band shell built in the early 1980's – flat area created with the concrete deck from the Bridge St bridge as fill;

- Landscaping installed in the bandstand area with funds donated in memory of a deceased town resident Jay Ladensack – 1982 – originally maintained by volunteers and Rec Committee members

-sandbox removed due to parent concerns

Installed the roadway along the north property line – met with the neighbors beforehand – Neighbors did not want traffic going down Esplanade – promised the neighbors that there would be no parking along the north side of the road.

Rec Committee members installed posts along the roadway and manually created speed dips to slow traffic

Expanded the fields to three using town funds, donations and funds raised by fund raising events; soccer fields added later

Had the bathroom/concession facility built – kitchen was designed to meet VT State health rules – needed to meet with the Army Corp of Engineers to secure permission to build in the flood plain

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Dugouts built with donated concrete from ST Griswold – the plan was that they were supposed to match the restroom decorative concrete blocks – that did not happen – don't know if the Army Corp of Engineers was ever consulted

Started the Fall soccer league – meant to give all kids a chance to play – no tryouts

-Installed a new swing set and 2 backstops with donations and town funds

- hired the mowers until the Town Highway dept took over the mowing

-secured musicians for the concert series

- co-sponsored with the Library for 3 summers a day camp called Winooski Lore – focused on Richmond's history from the days of the Abenaki to more modern times – each year the time period was different

- during the winter sponsored movie nights up at CHMS

- help organize with the 6th grade team at CHMS in Oct

a Fun Fair night for middle school students

Convinced the Fire Dept, original organizers of the 4th of July celebrations, to move the activities from CHMS down to Volunteers Green

- Playground equipment installed with funds raised mainly by Sue Pochop from bottle drives, duck races, bake sales and other fund raisers

- Snack bar bathroom facility built with the help of Town funds, donated labor and materials and fund raising – built to health department standards – needed a permit from the Army Corp of Engineers

- Helped Don Dresser start up and run many of the 4th of July Fun run – proceeds went to the Rec Committee