

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2019

Present: Scott Haskins, Sheryl Tedford, Kevin Fife, Jared Paskavitch, Christina Beadle
Also Present: Sonny Hunt, Tracey Hutton, Stephanie Giovannucci

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Fife/Paskavitch moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 22, 2019. **Motion passed.**

Survey Results

Committee members reviewed and discussed the survey results.

Safety Issues

Committee members discussed the possible installation of motion lights at the parks and trails, which would alert Police of activity in the area. Committee agreed to add this to the report for the Selectboard.

Stakeholder

Chairman Haskins recognized Sonny Hunt who represents the Winni Slalom Kayakers. Mr. Hunt stated that during their race he noticed many onlookers sitting on the tussle bridge. He noted that during the winter months there is mud flap material put on the tussle for the snowmobilers and asked if it is required to be removed at the end of snow season because it would be great if it could stay there for the onlookers to utilize. Haskins believes it has to be removed, but will look into it.

Mr. Hunt informed the Committee that the Conservation Commission in Tilton has received a grant to clean up the river bank across from Granite St Conservation Area and will be installing poles to tie onto for the race. Mr. Hunt asked if there was a possibility to add some poles as well on the Northfield side about 10 feet long by 4 feet wide, and he could assist with the installation. Haskins stated that he would check with the Northfield Public Works Director to see if we have anything like this or could keep an eye out for.

Mr. Hunt added that the trash barrels are no longer there and would love to see them returned, and in addition possibly adding a portable unit.

Jared Paskavitch asked if Mr. Hunt knew of an input below the dam, Mr. Hunt is not familiar with one, but recommended working with the people doing the rafting project in Franklin.

Kevin Fife informed the Committee that the Conservation Commission looked over the building at the Granite St Conservation Area and stated that the roof needs to be replaced.

Develop Prioritize Recommendations:

According to the survey a lot of residents do not know where most of the Town's opens spaces are located. Committee members agreed that getting a map set up for residents to be able to find these locations should be a priority.

Tracey Hutton and Stephanie Giovannucci will work on a priority list for each open space for the next meeting.

Other Business:

Scott Haskins informed the Committee that Sheena Dunkin wants to put up a hay bale garden at Surrette Park. The Selectboard recommended the near the Pines Community Center, and believes that near the outside of the horse rink fence would be a good place. Haskins is going to recommend this idea to Ms. Dunkin.

Kevin Fife informed the Committee that the Society of Protection Forests has purchased a large parcel of land off of Fellows Hill Road.

Sheryl Tedford informed the Committee that the Winnepesaukee River Trail clean up went really well and there were two people that volunteered that brought tractors.

Stephanie Giovannucci updated the Committee on the projects going on with the NEDC sub committees, which includes trail mapping, cleaning up parts, beautifying Park Street, and business outreach.

Sonny Hunt asked to be added to the list of invites to future meetings.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Meeting minutes approved July 22, 2019