



Town of Whitingham

Parks Committee

MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2020

These Minutes shall be accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted) at a future meeting of the Parks Committee.

Minutes of 5/14/20 Meeting held by GoToMeeting.

Present: Seth, Aysha, Heather, Carol, Erin.

Meeting started at 7:05PM

There was a discussion and review of the Town Hill Survey that started around Town Meeting time. Shortly after COVID-19 impacted everyone and survey responses stopped. The committee decided to re-launch now to see if we could get more responses. Heather will send a link to the committee members.

The committee reviewed their original choice for a new play structure to be purchased this fiscal year. There was some discussion on the current play structure limitations under VT Governor's Order, but it was felt that planning for the future is best. A 4-seat spring-ride structure was chosen. Aysha will as Gig if she can order on behalf of the Committee.

There was discussion about adding picnic tables to Eames Park. Seth reminded that the Lions Club had offered to consider paying for them. With the current social distancing and discouragement of picnic table use, the idea of having smaller picnic table (less seating capacity) and new benches might be better. Seth will research a local contact about building small tables.

The committee reviewed the Library's proposed programming on Town Hill for the summer. As it is first-come first-served, no approval necessary. General support and encouragement of the library to use the Town Hill Park in this manner following the Governor's Orders under COVID-19 outdoor recreation.

Seth reported that signage required by the Governor's Orders under COVID-19 were in place at Town Hill, Eames Park, and the Basketball Court at Municipal Center. There was some discussion about the large gatherings at summer softball tournaments. It was reported that of the 3 summer tournaments, 1 has officially cancelled and the other two are not actively planning.

Aysha shared a proposal for adjusted wording to the "rules" sign on the building that needs replacement. Todd W. can make the sign. Aysha will let Gig know what the cost for material will be.

Seth mentioned he will search for contractors to replace the retaining wall around the war monuments this summer.

Aysha updated everyone that Green Up Day was postponed until May 30th at 9:00AM. Participants can pick up bags on Town Hill and self-assign routes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM