

Meeting called to order at 6:41

Members attending:

Eric Jones, Wendy Stone, Jake Dixon, Ashley Kane, Chris Zappala, Verandah Porche

New Additions:

the Commission has accepted Valerie Racine's resignation.

discussion of possible new commissioners

The minutes from the March 4, 2020 meeting were amended to show that the RISE VT funding for the playscape totaled \$773, and not \$1300 as recorded in the minutes. The minutes were approved with this change.

Financial:

There are several notable items in the financial picture. Due to Covid-19 cancellations, the \$250 allotted to Open Gym activities was not spent. Also, the Rec. Commission is planning on funds to construct a shed, pending final selectboard approval.

Old Business:

A Thank You card was sent from the Rec. Comm. to Becky Anderson for her donation from the bakesale at Town Meeting.

A Thank You card and \$50 will be sent to Bill Gaines for his help plowing the fairgrounds in time for the Winterfest.

The Bill Koch Nordic Ski Program has been unable to collect the equipment so far this year, due to the pandemic.

The Rec. Comm. hopes to plan the collection with the completion of the storage shed in the near future.

Playscape Update:

Rise VT provided \$773 for the garden beds. The Rec Facilities grant paid for the not-yet-installed sign being designed and built by Robin Frehsee. LaRock construction finished the walking loop and the parking area.

Members of The Guilford Conservation Commission met with several Rec. Commissioners to walk the playscape, identify invasive species, and plan for their removal.

The Rec. Commission will schedule via email an invasive species removal work party.

New Business:

The commission now has 7 members. With 2 positions vacant, several names were suggested for new members.

Wendy and Eric are stepping down from their long-held roles on the Rec. Commission. The transfer of leadership in several of the subcommittees and projects management is being discussed.

Fort Dummer State Park Day passes will be available at the town office again this year. The passes had some, but not extensive, use last year.

Fundraising for the Playscape will continue with a donation box placed in a secure location at the playscape and another donation box at the town hall.

Selecting a date for the Community Picnic was postponed due to the changing Covid-19 guidelines. Commissioners held out a possibility for an August Picnic date.

The Rec. Commissioners agreed that, while no Summer activities or programs were yet scheduled, they were certainly needed.

Setting up a “camp” and requirements such as counselors and an indoor location, were discussed. The Rec. Commission would be willing to collaborate with others on plans for a summer youth program.

The Storage Shed is to be built this Summer by Jake Leach and will be situated behind the Town Office.

Wendy reported that The Conservation Commission expressed support for the Rec. Commission establishing low-impact trails on the Weeks Trail and surrounding properties. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.