

Guilford Recreation Commission Meeting 13 January 2021 Minutes

I. Commissioners in attendance:

Wendy Stone, Eric Jones, Jake Dixon, Ashley Kane, Mary Wallace-Collins, Tenzin Mathes, Chris Zappala

II. Call to Order:

6:32pm

III. Approval of Minutes: from December 6 , 2020
Minutes were approved.

IV. Finances:

The Recreation Commission has a current balance of \$2931.
There was a donation to the playscape of \$25.

There was a payment of \$125 to a consultant for improvement of the playscape.

The FY22 budget was updated to subtract monies planned to be used at the Broad Brook Community Center as it will be not available due to renovations. Six hundred dollars was subtracted from the budget.

V. Old Business:

Nordic Ski package distribution:

Jake Dixon has been coordinating distribution of ski equipment, notifying participants when they can pick up their ski packages.

Twenty five packages have been distributed so far.

Jake reports that she has been coordinating with the librarians for Covid-safe pick ups.

Nordic Ski Trails development:

The owners of Spring Farm have agreed to create trails on their fields. The Rec. Commission has plans to meet and mark trails, and has contacted snowmobile enthusiasts to assist in grooming the trails.

Winterfest at the Fairgrounds- While the Rec. Commission had set a tentative date of Feb. 13, 2021 for the event, ongoing Covid-19 restrictions have forced us to cancel the event this year. The Rec. Commission will publicize that the fairgrounds are open through the winter for individual winter activities.

RiseVT Grant for Adult Nordic Ski Packages: The commission is planning to apply for further grants to expand the Nordic Ski Program.

Fundraising for the State of VT Recreation Grant:
The Rec. Commission hopes to begin more aggressive fundraising to match the Recreation Grant. Currently, \$4255 is needed. The Rec. Commission is trying to set up an on-line donation page and is waiting for approval from town officials.

VI. New Business:

Planning at Guilford Center Village Natural Playscape:

Wendy and Eric reported on their meeting with a consultant about playscape improvements. Some ideas included adding a big sandbox, a mud kitchen, more seating, added slides, and more plantings. The playscape committee will meet and further discuss these features and placement.

Winter Recreation in Guilford: While snow has appeared between the meeting and this publication, making our discussion of skating options in Guilford more tenuous, there is plenty more opportunity for skiing and sledding.

VII. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 7:21pm