

I. Commissioners in attendance:

Eric Jones, Mary Wallace Collins, Jake Dixon, Ashley Kane, Verandah Porche, Chris Zappala

II. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

III. New Additions:

Added to the agenda was planning for Nordic Ski Package return which was added to the discussion of the Nordic Ski Program (see below).

IV. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 13, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

V. Finances:

Recreation Finances remain unchanged from the January 13 report.

VI. Old Business:

Nordic Ski package distribution

25 ski packages have been distributed. 1 package is at the Library awaiting pickup by the participant.

It was noted that 5 participants from the 2019-2020 program did not return their ski packages. Participants and their families have not responded to outreach.

Given that it has been a good year for snow, the commission decided to plan the ski package return at the March meeting.

Guilford Ski Days at Memorial Park Ski Hill

This idea was successful! The four Wednesdays in February at the Brattleboro Ski Hill were opened to Guilford residents. On the first Wednesday, 38 Guilford residents took part.

For more information about the two remaining Guilford Ski days, visit the Recreation website.

Guilford Community Values Mapping project

This State initiative for communities to identify, share, and protect treasured sites within one's community involves several Guilford

community groups. The Rec. Commission discussed the project, its advantages and drawbacks. The Rec. Commission agreed to participate by sharing information about the mapping project. The Conservation Commission is arranging a Zoom meeting on the project on March 9th, there is also, on-line participation, and information at the playscape kiosk.

Winter Recreation in Guilford

The Commission will not be holding its annual Winterfest this year, due to the pandemic. The Fairgrounds is open for Winter sport activities and numerous locations for Nordic skiing around Guilford are listed on the Recreation Commission website.

Fundraising: efforts to raise funds to match the State of Vermont Recreation Grant require additional effort to streamline the finances of the Commission as it exists as a Town entity. The Commission needs financial organizational support and is looking for any Guilford residents who enjoy both vigorous exercise and crunching numbers.

VII. New Business:

Springs Farm Nordic Skiing

A new trail has been groomed at Springs Farm. It is marked with stakes and purple flags, welcoming all.

Vermont Children's Trust Grant for the Playscape

Wendy is working on this grant to bring funds that will help implement some of the playscape ideas generated by The consultation held and reported on last month.

Town Meeting Day: March 2nd

It was noted that there will be no town meeting this year.

The Commission discussed a possible Ski and Skate sale to raise additional funds for Recreational activities and programs. The commission will revisit this idea to decide its feasibility, given other area ski/skate sales, and to determine the format.

VIII. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm