

Guilford Recreation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 -
Meeting Minutes

I. Commissioners in attendance:

Eric Jones, Wendy Stone, Mary Wallace-Collins, Verandah Porche, Chris Zappala

II. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

III. Approval of Minutes: from 2/10/21:

Said Minutes were approved

IV. Finances:

Finances remain unchanged since meeting of 2-10-21, pending approval from Selectboard regarding generating and accepting donations.

It was reported that a former Recreation Commissioner had made a donation last year that was not processed until recently. Because of the time lapse the check could not be cashed. The donor reported she would resubmit a check. It was not known if she had done so.

V. Old Business:

Nordic Ski packages-

Given the abundant snow cover, the Commission agreed to discuss the return of Nordic Ski packages at its April meeting.

Guilford Ski Days at the Brattleboro Ski Hill-

While the Recreation Commission held the liability insurance for this series of outings, the events were run largely by parents of GCS students. Rec. Commissioners attended the first ski date, which was well-attended. Other commissioners attempted to volunteer at subsequent dates and were told the event was already fully staffed. These Ski Days were a needed activity in the midst of the ongoing environment of limited events, and provided opportunities to support the local Brattleboro Ski Hill and collaborate with the Recreation Department of Brattleboro

Springs Farm Nordic Skiing-

A trail was groomed at Springs Farm and used through the season. The Commission hope to continue maintaining and publicizing its availability for further use by more skiers in coming ski seasons.

Guilford Community Values Mapping project-

Verandah Porche described this project begun by the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Agency of Natural Resources to solicit from residents the location of favorite recreational spots within Guilford. The intention is to create a master map of locales for knowledge and conservation.

The Recreation Commission is assisting the process by providing space at the Playscape for information and materials to inform and encourage participation.

Fundraising: State of VT Recreation Grant-

There have been no new donations. The Recreation Commission is hoping to get approval from the Selectboard to streamline donations and fundraising through greater use of on-line access.

VI.. New Business:

Vermont Children's Trust Grant for the Playscape-

Wendy is readying an application for the \$2000 grant. If accepted The Commission will use the funds for creating a 15'x20' sandbox at the playscape, and other improvements based on the recent consultation.

The Commission has received an estimate of \$1580 for building the sandbox. Additional grant monies would go toward creating a "mud kitchen" play area and purchasing slides and integrating them into the natural landscape of the site.

Easter Egg Hunt-

Once again, imagining another safe, social-distancing, community event, The Commission plans a Celebration of Spring at Springs Farm. The Commission agreed on an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd.

Other activities would include a parade, a "guess the number of jellybeans" jar, and a photo "booth" with the Easter rabbit.

Commissioners planned a 10:00 am egg hunt for younger children, and then, another, beginning at 11am for older children.

In the event of rain on the 3rd, the event will be held the following day, Sunday April 4.

Neighborhood Roots Food Collective: Little Free Pantry at the Playscape:

The NRFC approached The Rec. Commission for permission to create a free food pantry at the Playscape.

NRFC members will managed the Pantry. In the interest of furthering food security in our area, the Rec.

Commission agreed to provide space for the pantry at the Playscape.

VII.. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm