

Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2011

5:15 pm, Washington Street Conference Room

Present: Jeff Kuller, Brian Robinson, Ray Andresen (chair), Beth Ward, David Olivas, Peter Brown and Ed Libby

Excused: Sharon Gilbert

Ray opened the meeting at 5:20pm.

Peter motioned to accept October 12, 2011 meeting minutes as presented, David seconded the motion, it passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RMRA Redevelopment: Jeff reported on the Kingdom Trails presentation that was held at the Snow Bowl. Kingdom Trails is the best known mountain biking destination in the New England, located in East Burke, VT. Several of the committee members also attended the presentation and felt it was an interesting concept for this area. Jeff reported that Mort Strom had his 80th birthday celebration at the Snow Bowl and asked his friends/relatives to make donations to the redevelopment campaign. Next week, the business group fundraising breakfasts will begin. Groups of contractors, realtors, physicians, etc. will be invited for a breakfast presentation and asked to contribute to the redevelopment.

US National Toboggan Championships®: Ray reported that the clean-up day went well, but that there will need to be another to finish up the work. Jeff reported that Steve Pixley will do the stairs repair and privy.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Pathways: The Pathways committee met and proposed that Pathways becomes a sub-committee of the Parks & Recreation Committee. One person from the P & R committee would also be on the Pathways committee and would report back to P & R. The P & R committee would like to increase membership by one more person, so that a full time member could become that Pathways liaison.

Sports Field: The committee suggests getting the field users together and review the Field Use Policy in December to talk about the field closure issues and other concerns.

P & R Properties Tour: Tabled until spring

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

Laite Beach Tree Replacement: On October 28 the committee met at Laite Beach to talk about replacing some trees that had been removed during the project. The committee would not like to replace any of the trees. Ray made a motion that Parks & Recreation does not put additional trees in the park, Ed seconded it and it passed all in favor.

Bog Bridge (Route 105) Boat Ramp Rebuild: the Town will allow parking on RT 105 during winter season as there is no parking where Sonny Goodwin keeps his floats in the winter.

Multi-use Trail: is complete. The trail will remain closed until there is snow on it. There will be a grand opening this winter and possibly a summertime grand opening late spring.

Riverwalk: Tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Events:

Ragged Mountain Ski & Snowboard Club annual dinner and auction, November 17th

Program info Day, November 13th

Ski Swap, November 19th & 20th

All staff orientation, December 3rd

Snow Bowl Kick-off event, December 10th

Ed motioned to adjourn at 6:45pm, Peter 2nd all in favor.

Next Meeting: TBD

Minutes recorded by Beth Ward