

APPROVED MINUTES  
Springfield Trails and Rural Economy Committee Meeting  
Thursday, January 25, 2024  
5:30 PM  
Town Offices Meeting Room

Call to Order— The meeting was called to order at 5:47.

Roll Call— Present were John Bond, Chuck Gregory, Jim Fogg (presiding), Barbara Schulz and Bettina McCrady. For the public, Jim Kraft.

Announcements— Bettina McCrady announced the committee had received \$800 in contributions from Springfield Food Co-op customers. John Bond announced that Chris Merrill had resigned as Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Additions to the Agenda— Status of hunting ban ordinance was added to Old Business.—

Approval of Minutes of 11/30/23— Approved as corrected. (McCrady/Bond),

#### Old Business

**By-laws**— Barbara Schulz recommended creation of an information sheet for new members of the committee, containing list of duties, meeting schedule. Members will provide Jim Fog with descriptions of their committee tasks for him to compile into an introductory guide.

**VOREC details closure**— The final information has been submitted. There was discussion of recruiting another member for the Committee. Bettina McCrady volunteered to make the contact.

**Hartness Park gates access update**— John Bond reports aa the town survey of public use of the park would cost about \$1,500. He said that a neighbor adjacent to the gate reported that when the gate was left open a couple of times her house was burglarized. Improving access from Woodbury Road will be deferred because the Department of Public Works reported concern about the hazard of traffic trying to enter or leave the site.

**Hartness Park Rehabilitation Grant update**— See discussion of VYCC engagement

**Hunting ban ordinance**— Jim Fogg said the committee's recommendation was to be forwarded to the Select Board's purview and may not be dealt with until after the elections in March 2024.

#### New Business

**VYCC trail crew engagement update**— Barbara reported that the Town Manager said the grant is secured and it remains to recruit the volunteers. The Department of Parks and Recreation will supervise the project. Bettina and Barbara will co-ordinate their efforts on this.

Bettina handed out copies of Park and Recreation Department's new Toonerville Trail brochure

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 28th, 5:30 PM at the town offices.

Moved to adjourn at 6:35 (McCrary/Bond). Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35

The agenda for next meeting:

Springfield Trails and Rural Economy Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 28, 2024  
5:30 PM  
Town Offices Meeting Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Announcements

Additions to Agenda

Approval of Previous Minutes

Old Business

Hunting Ordinance status

Committee member recruitment

ST&RE Introductory Guide

Hartness Park gates access update

New Business

Public Relations re: Hartness Park

Fund Raising

Respectfully submitted,

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