

Approved Minutes
ST&RE Committee Meeting
January 26th, 2023
5:30 PM
Town Offices Meeting Room

Call to Order— The meeting was called to order at 5:46.

Roll Call— Present were John Bond, Chuck Gregory, Jim Fog (presiding) and Bettina McCrady. Absent were Barbara Schultz and Josie Hingston.

Announcements— Jim Fog announced the town missed the deadline for the ERSA grant application. The committee agreed that “Status of Grants” should be a standard item on the agenda henceforth. Bettina McCrady announced that John Robeson, the Parks and Recreation department maintenance man, had cleaned out the last of the weeds on the Toonerville trail .

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting— Moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022 meeting with The correction of a spelling error (McCrady/Bond). Passed unanimously.

Old Business

—**Update on QR post development**— Chuck Gregory provided the committee with copies of the QR posts which had been updated with photographs. He reported that he had been in contact with the Springfield Art and Historical Society and asked for photographs of the suspension bridge to Muckcross, of the Corliss Tourist campground and of the first Gould’s Mills bridge. He has not yet received a reply. The consensus of the committee was to review the list created at the meeting of 12/19/22 and update the information before sending anything to the printer. Chuck reported that his attempt to provide QR codes linking to Bettina McCrady’s audio files had not worked, but that Johnny Gifford of SAPA said he could help create YouTube files to which the QR codes would link. Assistant Town Administrator Brian Benoit said that the town had adequate space available on its YouTube site.

— **Update on liaison with Black River Action Team**— Barbara Schultz reported in absentia that BRAT has some native species available for planting and can get some more. A question of whether fruit trees could be planted along the Toonerville Trail was presented. The committee felt that the matter would have to be deferred until other contractor business regarding plantings on the trails had been settled. John Bond will contact the citizen, Sharon Ayer, who initiated the request.

—**Update on water tower gate access to Hartness Park**— No progress reported from Town Manager Jeff Mobus about the gate and parking problems at that site. Jim Fog will contact the Town Manager.

New Business

— **Pollinator Habitat**— There was a discussion of a proposal to create pollinator habitats along town trails. Moved to be in favor of pollinator habitat (McCrary/Bond). Passed unanimously. It was the consensus of the committee to have at the next meeting discussion of what is entailed in preparing a site as a pollinator habitat.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52. The next meeting will be February 23, 2023, 5:30 PM at the Town Offices Meeting Room.

Agenda for the meeting will be:

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February 23, 2023
5:30 PM
Town Offices Meeting Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Announcements

Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Grant Proposal Status

Old business

—Access to Hartness Park via water tower

—QR codes materials review

—Pollinator habitat preparation

New business

—Selectboard extension of committee's life

—Sustainable Vermont Trails Grant application for 2023

Respectfully submitted,

chuck gregory, secretary