

## Springfield Trails & Rural Economy Committee Meeting

February 24th, 2022

5:30 PM

Town Offices Meeting Room

**Call to Order**— The meeting was called to order at 5:37 by Chair Jim Fog.

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

**Announcements**— Jim Fog announced the ERSA grant application had been turned down. Bettina reported that all the candidates for the role of Director of Parks and Recreation were strong.

**Additions to Agenda**— Discussion of the rejection of the ERSA grant was added under old business.

**Approval of Minutes of 1/27/22**— The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted (Schultz/Bond).

### **Old business:**

Jim Fog suggested that we get in touch with Windsor County Regional Planning to to strengthen our hand in the next application round. **Barbara Schultz** volunteered to make the contact with Otis Monroe. John Bond said there is useful information in the rejected application.

Bettina McCrady reported no results yet in her effort to recruit another member for the committee.

VOREC-funded projects review (Bettina McCrady)— Bettina said that Christian Craig sent her an e-mail The Dam Run date is being considered to be held in May and the proceeds given to this committee., then hand over to Parks and Recreation the responsibility of staging the run in the future. Jim pointed out that we already have some obligations under the VOREC grant to hold the September walk/race. He pointed out that publicity at the Dam Run could attract more participants for the fall Walk/Run event on the Toonerville Trail. Barb Schultz reported that she had sent Jeff Mobus the town manager her report on dealing with invasive plants and that her three contacts for the work were interested in it. She suggested we invite the new Director of Parks and Recreation to our next meeting.

Hartness Park work progress— Bettina asked about the signs and the kiosks. John Bond said the replacement sign at Woodbury Road was a “fantastic job.” He suggested using any leftover funds to build a kiosk to shelter it. Jim suggested having a similar sign and kiosk at the water tower entrance. Bettina described how garden gnomes were used for a treasure hunt on Hartness Park trails, engaging a substantial number of children. Barb Schultz asked if there’d been any further development with improving the viewpoints in the park. Jeff said the Town Manager was handling it. Bettina asked if there were any groups that might make trail signs. Barbara said it was off the table with the loss of the ERSA grant. Bettina asked if John Robeson might be able to do them. Jim stressed the importance of following proper procedures when having him do any of the VOREC-funded work. John Bond suggested having a prioritized list and asking permission of the Town Manager to talk to Parks and Recreation. **Bettina** offered to contact the Town Manager:

1. Trail markings in Muckcross

2. Kiosks- construction and placement
3. Benches- placement
4. Cutting down trees

**Barbara Schultz** said she will make a list of items “deliverable” under the grant to communicate with Parks and Recreation via the Town Manager.

Moved that our logo include an identifier of Springfield officially endorsed by the town (Schultz/Gregory). Approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 27, at 5:30 PM at the meeting room in the Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

chuck gregory, secretary

Next month’s agenda:

**Springfield Trails & Rural Economy Committee Meeting**

March 24th, 2022

5:30 PM

Town Offices Meeting Room

**Call to Order—**

**Roll Call—**

**Announcements—**

**Additions to Agenda—**

**Approval of Minutes of 2/24/22—**

**Old business:**

- Barbara Schultz’s contact with Otis Monroe
- Barbara Schultz- list of deliverables via the VOREC grant
- Updates on installation of benches and kiosks
- Discussion of trail signs and logging possibilities

**New Business:**

Welcome to the new Parks and Recreation Director