

APPROVED MINUTES
ST&RE Committee Meeting
April 20, 2023
5:30 PM
Town Offices Meeting Room

Call to Order— The meeting was called to order at 5:59.

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

Announcements— Jim Fog reported receiving a solicitation for donations from the Upper Valley Trail Alliance. He will forward it to Town Manager Jeff Mobus for disposition.

Approval of minutes of previous meeting— the approval of the minutes was deferred until the May meeting.

Grant Proposal Status— See Old Business

Old business

— Present iteration of the QR post texts— Jim Fog presented illustrations of signs proposed for use by ST&RE for town information. He asked Bettina McCrady if she could recommend to the Town Manager appropriate fonts and sizes for signs. of the given types. Bettina said she and Barbara will be coordinating on the completion and positions of the QR posts when both of them are back in town at the same time. Jim Fog said he had received from the Springfield Area Historical Society the picture needed for the White's Bridge post. Barbara Schultz has submitted the text for a QR post on the Chickenyard Event, the last script needed for the audio recordings. John Bond outlined the method of installing the posts.

—Status of the Sustainable Vermont Trails Grant application for 2023— There has been no change of note on the grant application.

—Status of town crew cleanup day on the Toonerville Trail. Jim announced there will be a Toonerville Trail cleanup day done by the town on April 29th. Bettina relayed John Harmer's report on the vegetation cleanup work he and his crew have done on the trail. Jim said he will finish up the remaining clearing.

—Status of Select Board authorization for continued operation of the committee was not discussed.

New business

—Bettina recommended that Jim talk with Parks and Recreation Department Director Chris Merrill about joining the committee's monthly meetings in order to avoid duplication of effort.

— John Bond proposed that at a future meeting the committee discuss the possibilities presented by the Town Forest. Jim offered to introduce the group to it with a hike.

—Bettina proposed discussion of allocation of town money for the town's trails. There seems to be a problem of the consultant's present role. Jim said he will look into the status.

The next meeting will be on May 25th at 5:30, at the town offices. The agenda will be:

ST&RE Committee Meeting

May 25, 2023

5:30 PM

Town Offices Meeting Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Announcements

Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Grant Proposal Status— See Old Business

Old business

— QR post status, fonts, audio recording, post locations and graphics status— Bettina McCrady and Barbara Schultz

—Status of the Sustainable Vermont Trails Grant application for 2023

—Report on participation of Parks and Recreation Director Chris Merrill

—Status of Select Board authorization for continued operation of the committee

—VOREC grant review and wrap-up

New business

—Town Forest potential

The meeting adjourned 6:37 PM (McCrady/ Bond).

Respectfully submitted,

chuck gregory, secretary