

Approved ST&RE Committee Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2024

Call to order: Jim Fog called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

Attendees: Jim Fog (presiding), John Bond, Barbara Schultz and Susan White

Absent with regrets: Bettina McCrady, Josie Hingston and Chuck Gregory

Susan White took the minutes in Chuck's absence.

Announcements: The committee welcomed new member Susan White

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Approval of the minutes was deferred to the June meeting.

Town Updates: There is no update from the Town.

Hunting Ordinance: Jim shared the committee's recommendation with Kristi for submission to the Springfield Select Board.

Old Business: discussion on whether indoor and winter recreation activities should be included in the statewide VOREC report. Is this committee to focus exclusively on outdoor year-round trail and path activities, or expand to include indoor recreation also? It was suggested that maybe the Springfield802.com group could take on encouraging use of old buildings and spaces for indoor activities. John is on this committee and will bring up with them.

Hartness Park: Barb gave an update. She met with the VYCC leader and Adam Middleton, the Parks&Rec Director. They reviewed what work can be done, and what is not realistic under the grant. The boardwalk on the wetlands and steps added can be done with a one-to-two-week crew in the Fall. The Sustainable Vermont Trails Grant focuses on improving trail erosion.

The committee discussed the old warming shed on Hartness Park. There are currently some plants to address "Derelict Structures" at the park since the town will have to remove concrete barriers off Dell Road as part of the grant. Jim will contact Jeff Mobus about the old shed.

Website: Our official title of this committee needs to be updated. Jim will also ask Jeff about the hunting ordinance. Some members of this committee should attend the Select Board meeting when this comes on the Agenda.

Next Meeting: Thursday June 27th, 5:30pm.

Agenda

Springfield Trails & Rural Economy Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 27, 2024

5:30 PM

Town Offices Meeting Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Announcements

Approval of minutes of previous meetings

Old business

Hartness Park update

Ski warming house update

Website update

New Business

Invite Jeff Mobus or Adam Middleton updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan White, secretary pro tem