

APPROVED MINUTES  
SPRINGFIELD TRAILS AND RURAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH,  
5:30 PM  
TOWN OFFICES MEETING ROOM

**Call to order**— The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

**Roll call**— Present were John Bond, Susan White, Bettina McCrady, Barbara Schultz (presiding), Chuck Gregory and by telephone, Josephine Hingston.

**Announcements**— Barbara Schultz announced that Jim Fog had resigned as Chair. The committee presented him with a parting gift in recognition of his years of very effective service. Barbara announced that there is a verified case of emerald ash borer— an affected tree on the Toonerville Trail.

**Additions to the agenda**— There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of minutes of previous meeting— The minutes of the October 24th meeting were approved as submitted (McCrady/Bond). Passed unanimously.

**Old business**

**Report on gate opening and closing for Hartness Park**— John Bond passed around a draft list of rules of proposed safety tips for hunters and said that implementing the opening and closing of the gate depends on having new signs that state the park's rules and regulations. Bettina said she will distribute it to all for suggestions and editing. He recommended that the committee look at town ordinances and other towns' signage to develop our own. Sue White said there is a need for signs at Woodbury Road and Dell Road in addition to the water tower. He said that Parks and Recreation Department is on board for opening and closing the gate on a regular schedule. Bettina suggested that the opening and closing time be determined by the Parks and Recreation Department. Barbara recommended simplifying the list.

It was agreed that members will each develop a list of the rules they think are important to post at Hartness Park entrances prior to the next meeting.

**Discussion of action items to pursue in Town Plan**— This was deferred to the next meeting. Barbara will send to all her draft list of relevant action items and a link to the Town Plan, so members can identify town plan actions which could be committee priorities.

## **New Business**

**Re-organization**— Moved by Bettina McCrady and seconded by John Bond that the committee elect by acclamation the following officers, with terms of office until the April 2025 meeting:

—Chair: Barbara Schultz

—vice-Chair: John Bond

— Secretary: Chuck Gregory

Passed unanimously.

**By-laws**— Bettina proposed adopting Rules of Procedure by adapting those used by the Springfield Cemetery Commission and/or the VLCT Model Rules of Procedure for Municipal Public Bodies. She will provide copies to all.

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

The agenda is:

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
SPRINGFIELD TRAILS AND RURAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30th,  
5:30 PM  
TOWN OFFICES MEETING ROOM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Announcements

Additions to the Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Old Business

Draft ST&RE Rules of Procedure

Hartness Park Rules to be Posted at Entrances

Priority Action Items from the Town Plan

New Business

Schedule Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 (McCrady/Gregory). Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

chuck gregory, secretary