

Minutes for 11.14.22

Present: Ed Huang, Christa Wurm, Dave Taplin, Tori Lloyd, Jack Lloyd, Leslie Berger, Jason Loomis

- Skate Park update
 - **Question: did the town approve the area by the baseball field?**
 - We haven't gone to the town yet.
 - Consultant came to the meeting with Hilary at baseball field and said there was great drainage - in between the recycling and the field.
 - practice roping it off?
 - The coarseness of the park n ride is way more than that of an ideal skate park - for reduced injuries and superior traction
 - Cost
 - \$ 85,000
 - If there's a go-ahead, raise the money!
 - Grants available?
 - <https://skatepark.org/the-skatepark-project-grants/>
 - Soft opening was planned, didn't happen - why?
 - Things fell off the radar and the deadline came and went.
 - Can we do it post-snow?
 - Survey for the town to gauge interest
 - How to reach young people
 - tiktok
 - instagram
 - Go to
 - Questions:
 - Least - most likely
 - Might your children be interested in using this?
 - Not open comment
 - Road crew needs to start getting into the shed now for
 - Metal pieces need to be stored away from the salt.
 - ***Can we store all the pieces (including barriers) in the shed? Dave will follow up***
 - Expanded skate park potentially reduces pressure on tennis courts for wheeled vehicles
 - Role of the Rec Board
 - Consultants for the plan proposing to the town
 - Long-term management - who is responsible for cleaning it up
 - signage, sweeps

- Brattleboro is a model for rules
 - ***Need Design, Implementation, Maintenance plan***
 - Design plan exists - Michael Parker sent a CAD drawing
- **Next Steps:**
 - Lloyds will make a survey to bring to the Rec board
 - Distribute to TA, TSA MS/HS, Newton School
 - Lloyds will bring survey to January 9th meeting; Distribute end of Feb/beginning of March; Springtime to
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- Pocket Park - end of season report, if any
 - Looking for help for winterizing lawn mower - ***any ideas?*** Dave will support her with that. Leslie will connect with Anne about talking to Dave
 - Still interested in collaborating on the plaque project, no bench or memorial “Wally and Barbara Smith created this Pocket Park for a grateful community” Est. creation year to be placed on the shed.
 - Tree pruning - Matt Perry
- Tennis courts
 - Pickleball update
 - So much activity and enthusiasm about pickleball - great!
 - Karen got her certification to be able to teach.
 - Thinking about lines for the future - less contrasting lines for pickleball are still respectful to tennis players.
 - Budget item for next year?
 - ***Leslie will talk to Karen about line suggestions and net setups CC Ed***
 - Wheeled vehicles on courts
 - should we get rid of them before they get too cold/weatherized
 - ***Listserv post: Dear Strafford, as we move into Winter we are looking for a home for the communal vehicles that have been living on the tennis courts. We do not know if they belong to someone - if so, please come get them! If no one retrieves them we will bring them to a good home by THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19***
 - Signage
- EZ ice rink
 - Offer from Shane Murray if the town wants it.
 - [EZICE](#)
 - Thanks but no thanks
 - Tom Jacobs had a generous offer with his pond last year.
 - ***Christa will say no thank you to Shane - DONE***

- Red Barn Cleanout
 - next year
 - Drama area is all cleaned out - yay Danette!
 - Josh and BJ are all in favor, need help
 - Jason will email Tracy and Jody about coordinating inservice days for red barn cleanout: Casey, BJ, Josh, Jody, Rec Board, PTA, cc Christa
 - May inservice day 2023
 - I spoke to Jody on 11/15 to let her know our ideas
 - Emailed Tracy on 11/15. She replied she will support the plan and we should contact her as our target date approaches next spring.
- Open Red Barn dates
 - Every Saturday 11 - 12:30
 - 11.19
 - Christa/Ed
 - 11.26 - skip
 - 12.3
 - Jason
 - 12.10
 - Leslie/Jason
 - 12.17
 - Leslie/Ed
 - Leslie will post in listserv
- Other
 - Nordic Center is closed
 - Hilary McNamee and Welly Ramsey sent a proposal to Hilary and Jason to have skiing in the fields above the school. Has a groomer lined up.
 - Questions about liability
 - Very difficult for landowners to be sued for liability due to recreation
 - Groomers are a question for liability - could there be waivers
 - ***Jason will investigate the insurance***
 - It looks like this will be handled by the Lions Club, so there's nothing to be done. Their program would only be for students. The Lions expect to make a donation toward equipment purchase.
 - I hope the Rec Board can also make a donation to support equipment purchase.
 - Need coaches to volunteer -

- SNAP program for Newton students and their families?
 - 2-3K to acquire the equipment
 - Place to store the equipment
- Take down the nets - while
- Portolet
 - *Jason will ask Lisa what is status for portolet*
 - The town is not receiving bills from JB. I will call JB and ask them to remove it.
- Water Fountain
 - *Jason will shut it off*
 - *Done*
- World Cup 2022
 - Viewing parties?
 - *Christa will look into it*