

Rec Board minutes April 10, 2023

Present: Hilary, Jason, Christa, Ed, Leslie, Dave Taplin, Anne Fayen for the first 15 minutes.

- Pocket pock report: fundraiser being done at the Post office, VT center for Eco studies is doing a pollinator project, working with Anne. Fruit tree pruning happened this week, hoping to help with production. Matt Perry is expected to do some pruning, Lorenz Rutz helping too with pruning so should be complete soon. Anne is still working to procure a Newton Fund project. She is hoping to put a pergola to grow berries/vines, Lorenz agreed to construct it. Vision for stone work as you enter the garden where it is muddy, looking for a person who could do the work. Both projects would be funded by the newton fund. Several people gave Anne names for someone who could do the stonework. There is some beaver damage, suggest putting a game camera in to help figure out when the beaver is coming and track it. Deer seem to also be bedding. Raspberries got eaten too, potential electric fence would deter. – Anna will investigate putting in electric fencing around the whole garden. Would need “self closing” gates. Hoping to find lawn mowing volunteers. Would be good to get a self propelled mower – could kids do it with community service? Need a way to weed whack as well. Mowing top – about every 10 days.

- Red Barn

- lock & permissions

- cleanout by community organizations – open red barn date to put in winter stuff this Saturday Leslie talked to PTA who were going to decide what is theirs and what to keep. Hilary is working on a meeting time with BJ before April 20. Ed talked to preschool, they need to go up to second floor to determine what to keep. Jason working with baseball/soccer. Danette cleaned out drama/prop area downstairs. This may be a question for Tracy. Goal is still mid-May for a full – all rec board clean out. The group will look at calendars and we will schedule.

- vision & philosophy – Dave says they wanted to keep the building intact, John F decided to move the medical equipment from above the town clerk. Perhaps put up a modern sign about how to use the red barn, what can go in it

- dedication – tabled

- painting and upkeep

Red barn sliding door repair. – after discussion, motion to hire Jeremy Contractor to fix the sliding door so it won't fall off. Estimate around \$800. Christa second. Unanimously approved.

Red barn window replacement. - - back windows are rotten, need replacing. Motion to spend up to \$1000 total painting, unanimously approved. Jason will work on finding someone. It was agreed that there may need to be flexibility in cost as this is important and needs completing on one side. Ask to get it done once per year.

- Tennis Court update - - working on timing. Waiting for a specific date from the company. Nets will go up once the court is clean and dry. Jason and Ed will put them up.

- Park n' Ride "Rec Area" readiness – once all the snow is gone can be set up. Suggested to wait until after green up day since the town uses that lot to park the big trucks.

- Reservations of Rec Areas - town calendar for use – Hilary – Lisa has a calendar for official requests through reservations which is on the website

- Frisbee golf goals/baskets – are we in favor of purchasing 3-6 baskets for this year? About \$2-300 each. Motion to allocate \$600 to fund 3 goals to be placed on Murray Jason/Christa. Jason will work with Lisa to place the order. Unanimously approved.

- Summer Camp updates – soccer week of June 26, tennis/pickleball lessons probably in July, Art camp likely week of August 14th, Possible Jedi camp week of Aug 7th, Christa is working on this and waiting for official dates from school.

Other:

Varney field shed stone-bed foundation upgrade (storage for new snap-together ice rink parts). Want to put stone in the shed by Varney field. Want to clean it out and put stone underneath to store rink and parts. Jason and Willis will make this happen. Motion to purchase stone, up to \$300, for this and Jason and Willis will do the work. Second Ed unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.