

Rec Board Minutes 2/12/2024, 6pm, Parish Hall, Strafford

Present: Leslie Berger, Ed Huang, Jason Loomis

- Discussion about investment of funds to improve Varney Field in order to accommodate majors. Per Jason - baseball coaches agree that Strafford will have a majors team this year but our field is not adequately sized to hold league games. Jason will explore possible solutions with other town organizations and funding sources. If unsuccessful, he'll bring a proposal to the board next month. Board will then vote on whether to spend funds to meet league standards.

- Revisit discussion about bike lanes and signage. Ed spoke to the Thetford town manager to understand the precedents and laws pertaining to bike travel, as well as costs associated with implementing a bike path. A bicyclist does not have the right to use an entire lane despite what local signs suggest. Costs are prohibitive for building a bike path between the villages at \$70 per foot. Ed suggested we consider signage to remind drivers of bike travel and proposed placing the signs on existing posts. Discussion to continue at next meeting.

- Red Barn:

- Medical equipment inventory is more robust; people have returned assistive devices.
- Open Red Barn dates: not at this time. Will consider in Spring when skiing is over.

- Open Gym Report - Tabled/Christa not present

- Summer Camps

- Soccer Camp is scheduled for the week of June 24-28. Erin Taylor will submit a facilities request to the Town Office.
- Pending agreement with Newton, Art Camp possibly the week of August 12-16 or August 19-23.

- Frisbee golf goals/baskets - The rec board voted to purchase three goals to be placed on Murray Field at an earlier meeting. Jason will arrange this purchase with the town clerk once the snow melts.

Old business:

- Request for a plaque honoring Karen Didricksen - tabled; Hilary not present

- Red Barn Dedication - tabled; Christa not present

