

Rec Board minutes 3/9/26, 6:30pm, at Barrett Hall

Present: Leslie Berger, Ed Huang, Stephen Drew, Jason Loomis, Brynn Hare (arrived at 6:45, departed at 7:10), Lindsey Bagley via zoom (arrived at 7:17, departed at 7:36)

1. Jason suggested the board use an AI assistant to record and synthesize our meetings. Ed, Stephen, and Jason in favor. Leslie opposed on principle but willing to give it a try.
 2. Onboarding of new lead gardener: Jason has been emailing with Lindsey, connecting her with Lisa, and introducing her as the new lead gardener. Jason outlined onboarding steps including a W9 form. Lindsey plans to finalize paperwork the week of March 23rd.
 3. Interview candidate for Rec Board open seat: Brynne Hare met with all current Rec Board members to discuss her visions of recreation and expressed an interest in joining the board.
 4. Review/Update Capital Budget: Ed will attend the upcoming Selectboard meeting on 3/26 to review the latest plans with the new members of the Selectboard. We plan to discuss the feedback and consider changes at our April meeting.
 5. Tennis net replacement: Ed took care of this.
 6. Pedestrian bridge around Coburns' Corner: Ed touched base with Hilary and will set up a joint meeting with Ann Kynor to discuss further actions.
 7. Vermont Open Meeting Law: Ed researched the logistics of recording & uploading meetings. We're awaiting instructions from Lisa before adjusting the format of our minutes. We'll be moving to a .gov format.
 8. Research of adjacent towns' recreation programs /benchmarking project - nothing new to report
 9. Red Barn - nothing to report
 10. Zoom meeting with Lindsey at 7:15: Lindsey will complete paperwork by the end of March and be ready to begin work at the beginning of April. She's been monitoring the snow, fencing, and beaver activity at the Pocket Park. She has ideas for new projects and community engagement. The board will make sure Lindsey is given the Red Barn combo and the keys to the barn shed. Leslie will post on Strafford Listserv & Facebook, welcoming Lindsey to the community.
 11. Trustees of Public Funds: Therese emailed Leslie and explained that the SAA account is managed by the Trustees of Public Funds. She will provide more information in the near future about the release of said funds.
 12. The board voted to offer the open rec board seat to Brynn Hare. Leslie will email Brynn. If Brynn accepts Leslie will submit the rec board's recommendation to the selectboard (via Lisa).
 13. Rec Board roles: Leslie moved for Ed to be appointed as co-chair of the rec board. All in favor. Moving forward, the board's co-chairs are Ed and Jason.
 14. Leslie will ask Lisa to add Lindsey and Brynn to the rec board email. She'll also notify Lisa of Ed's new role as Rec Board co-chair.
 15. The AI assistant didn't do its job correctly and now Leslie will write up the meeting minutes.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

- Submitted by Leslie Berger