

## Meeting Minutes

Bethel Recreation Committee  
Thursday, November 29, 2012

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### A) Call to order 4:30 PM

The group called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM, Thursday, November 29, 2012 at the Town Offices in Bethel, VT.

### B) Roll call

In attendance: Abbie Sherman; Eleanor Griffin; Felicia Dieffenbach; Ashar Nelson from Vermont Integrated Architecture; Mark Cook; Ann-Marie Stearns; Corey Stearns; Maxwell Stearns.

### C) Open issues

1. Master Plan: Ashar Neslon presented the committee with a draft "Project Statements of Need & Vision." The purpose of the document is to outline why we are developing a Master Plan and how to achieve the plan's objectives. A few revisions were suggested to encompass the improvements that have been made to the Recreation Center over the past 3 years. Ashar also presented the committee with a draft "Preliminary Program Assumptions" with details regarding the present square footage of the pool house and shelter. The committee then offered their thoughts regarding the square footage for each room in the proposed pool house and shelter. The committee agreed that the present leach field should be abandoned and the pool house tied into the Town's sewer system to provide more flexibility with placement of structures. The committee also discussed potential locations for the various structures.

### E) New business

1. Maxwell Stearns made a presentation to the committee with his request that the revised Recreation Center include room for a skate park. He and his friends are not allowed to skate in parking lots or the tennis courts. In a poll he conducted of his classmates as a part of a school assignment as to whether they would like a skate park in town, 4 said "no" and 30 said "yes." He suggested one possible location would be the field next to the tennis courts. The skate park could be built on a 50'x50' concrete slab and would include several small ramps which could also be used by bikes and scooters. Corey Stearns added that with proper signage regarding use of the park, the Town could limit its liability. There are also parents who are willing to donate materials and/or money to help build the skate park.
2. The General Fund budget for FY 2014 is being created at this time and the Town Manager requested input from the Recreation Committee regarding the amount they would need for the Recreation Facility Improvements Funds. Subject to concurrence of the committee members who were not present, the amount requested will be \$5,000, with an additional \$5,000 requested to be included on the Warning for approval by the voters.
3. The Annual Town Report is being drafted at this time and summaries from various committees are being sought out for inclusion. Subject to concurrence by the other

committee members, the "Project Statements of Need & Vision" with minor revisions will be presented in lieu of the year-end summary.

F) Next meeting time, date, and location

Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 4:30 PM at the Bethel Town Offices

G) The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Abbie Sherman