

## BETHEL RECREATION COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.
- B. In attendance were Dietre Feeney, Gabriel Feeney, Lisa Campbell, Angus McCusker, Thatcher Hinman, Tim Perrin, Katie Sault, Greg Maggard the Town Manager, and Ele Griffin.
- C. Public Comments: Lisa Campbell spoke about the possibility of the town library having a lego playing morning once a month. She is looking into it and looking for ideas and grants to support this idea. She asked if the Recreation Committee would be interested in sponsoring the idea. Dietre mentioned that the school use to have a Lego League. Gabriel was a part of that league. Dietre also suggested that Lisa talk to the Assistant Principal Andrea Bowen to see where the legos are that the league used. Lisa agreed to research the issue more and come back to the committee when she has more information.
- D. Skateboard Park Design from Spohn Ranch: Copies of the design were made and passed around so everyone could analysis it. A long discussion ensued. Tim Perrin has helped in building parts of skateboard parks. He felt that there was a lot of wasted space. He suggested that the park could have ledges made out of the Bethel white granite. Angus suggested that the committee make a list of what was missing in the design and what was in the design that we did not want. The list of missing items were ledges, natural features that denotes the town of Bethel, a streetscape part, a plaza skate feel part, and a snake run. The items not wanted were a large wall of concrete, a quarter pipe, and too many dead-end transitions. The committee felt that the next step was to let Vince the designer know. We hope to work with him to see if these things can be fixed to better get the park that we want. A park for all ages and all level skaters.
- E. Bike and Hike Trails: Thatcher mentioned that he, Chris Fors, and Angus have been walking through the woods and paths behind the school and Recreation Area. They have talked to Dennis Wood about the idea of bike trails. He has expressed support. Thatcher asked Greg about easements that may be needed to make the trails. Thatcher also announced that he had been sent \$5000 made out to the Town of Bethel to go for making trails. It is from a RTP grant that he heard about. The preliminary application was due Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. RTP waved the date to give Thatcher more time. Greg and Thatcher are going to work on the primary application so that we on the RTP list for consideration. There is an additional \$5,000 available. Angus had pictures of mountain

bike trails. He would like to see basic mountain bike trails that can be multiuse. No one knows yet how much the trails would cost to be made. Ele asked that Thatcher and Angus be members of the committee so that this is a joint effort not just individual people doing things on their own. Greg stressed that projects like this should go through the committee. Angus and Thatcher agreed to be Project Consultants (not committee members) working with the Recreation committee on this project. After Thatcher and Greg gets the application in and sees what the RTP response is, then a presentation will be made at the January 8<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting.

- F. Update on direction of pool for 2018: Last year's Director and Ass. Director are not coming back. The administration is planning on having 2 students as head lifeguards. The Pool Director will be an adult managing the pool. They decided to hire Dietre Feeney as the new Director. Katie announced that the next WSI training is in March. She has sent out letters to past lifeguards to see who is planning on coming back. There may need to be approximately ten lifeguards hired for the pool. The amount will be determined after March when it is known how many taken the WSI training.
- G. Town Report: A paragraph about the Recreation Committee's year is due. Dietre will write it.
- H. Last month's minutes: They were approved.
- I. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm. The next meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes submitted respectfully,  
Ele Griffin