

## MENDON RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 5:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

Attendance: Lisa Brooks, Larry Courcelle, Liam Fracht-Monroe, Betsy Reddy, Jim Reddy

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. The Minutes of the February 22 Meeting were approved (motion by Larry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim).

1. Lisa offered to take soil samples (five holes, 6" deep) from the ballfield and submit them to the fertilizer company in Brandon. We need approval from the Selectboard in advance for the \$100 fee. Once we know the recommended fertilizer "mix", we will ask for two RFPs. Liam reported that the RCLL volunteers did a great job prepping the field for the 2022 season, including rototilling the field to minimize weeds.
2. Lisa and Sarah Tully worked together on the successful grant application to AARP for "Snowshoe Saturdays". Lisa is going to explore possible grantors for the playground replacement. The Selectboard needs a written request for ARPA funds from the Recreation Committee which could be presented at its December meeting. We will request the new estimated cost of \$65,000 (\$50,600 for the structure, \$5,000 for site preparation and \$4,000-\$5,000 for wood chips, \$4,400 contingency). Bob Pitaneli's company has installed playgrounds for numerous schools around Vermont. The installation is supervised by one of his employees and carried out by 8-10 volunteers. The Selectboard must determine which projects it will fund by 2024, and spend the funds no later than 2026. The Recreation Fund currently has \$14,700 in reserve.
3. Mendon and several other towns were awarded AARP grants for "Winter Placemaking" which was announced in the 11/15/22 Rutland Herald. Lisa had the idea of offering five "Snowshoe Saturdays" in January, February and March. The grant will pay for the purchase of two picnic tables, refreshments and supplies and certificates of completion for participants. Lisa shared a preliminary draft of a flyer.
4. Old Business: The Selectboard hasn't had any further communication from the Mendon Mountain Club since last February.
5. New Business: Lisa suggested improving the promotion of recreational opportunities more effectively on the Town website. Visitors to the website should know that in addition to the Recreation Area, we have "Mendon on the Move", the Mendon Trails pamphlet, the upcoming "Snowshoe Saturdays" and future recreational experiences and/or facilities the Town organizes or pursues.
6. The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be determined at a later time. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betsy Reddy, Secretary