

HEATH PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES for January 23, 2025

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: Members Michael Cucchiara (Chair), Shahid Jalil, Bob Dane, Don Lebreux & Chelsea Jordan-Makely; Ex-Officio Members: Pat McGahan. Absent Lyra Johnson-Fuller

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2) REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES: December 12, 2024

Date corrected to 12/12/2024. Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Minutes were approved unanimously, Bob Dane moved the motion, and Don Lebreux seconded.

3) JR Pickleball Discussion (Pat)

The pickleball equipment has been purchased and the program has started.

4) Annual Budget Discussion

Request \$500 to support Heath Fair Road Race and Pickleball

AI: Pat to get clarification from Hilma on our funds, particularly the Recreation Fund.

5) MWTP Consortium Grant Updates: (10 mins)

- Trowbridge License Agreement Completed
- Mike entertained a motion to reallocate \$7000 of grant money to start cutting the Trowbridge trail. Bob Dane moved the motion, Chelsea seconded. Chelsea emphasized the need to check with Conservation Commission before doing trail work.
- Highlands trail project – Mike displayed the latest map showing the proposed trail through Heath through private property. One piece was through the Freeman property and another through Dyer property.

AI: Don to contact Dyer family

AI: Pat to contact Margaret and put in touch with FLT rep, if the Freeman's are willing.

6) Winter Trail Work: no discussion

7) Discussion of Town MWTP Grant: (5 mins): \$25k

- Kiosks –We have permission for the two at the school and Tyson will meet with Mike when the snow is gone for placement of a kiosk outside the HO Cook State Forest.
- Signage -Need to decide on and order signs for the trails.

AI: Chelsey to contact Taylor signs from Dover Vt,

Mike has worked with <https://www.woodproductsigns.com/> from Colorado which is another option

- Air pumps installations. These are on stands cemented in the ground
- Possible picnic tables from Andys oak in Greenfield
- Survey Discussion
- Fire Chief approached P & R about a UTV (Utility Terrain Vehicle) to access off-road sites for fire and rescue on the trails. This year's grant would go to this.

8) Discussion of other Parks & Rec Initiatives: Returned to the discussion on budget and would like the requested increase to support TShirts for the "annual" Heath Fair Road race led by Shahid.

9) Other Business Not Anticipated at least 48 hours in advance of meeting -none

10) Next meeting March 6 at 6:30

11) ADJOURN. . Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Minutes were approved unanimously, Bob Dane moved the motion, and Don Lebreux.