

November 7, 2016

Present: D. Mitchell, N. Wiesen, R. Wiesen, W Renaud, D. McClure, E Remick, G. Johnson, J Bellairs, M Jerome, J Manchester, J Brosseau

Meeting called to order: 5:32

Financials: Norma

- \$6578 as of 10/31/16
- \$7068 capital fund

Trails: Wayne

- Things are good
- Shed is all organized, bikes are hanging from the rafters

Approve Minutes for October 3...approved unanimously

Possible Purchases:

- Leaf blower
 - Costs ~\$350
 - Used to blow leaves off trail, keep trails open in Fall and dry up in Spring
 - Need to keep trail clear for safety reasons
 - Cordless??
 - 4-stroke?
 - Motion to approve expenditure of up to \$500 for a leaf-blower--approved 8-2
 - Dave will research/Eric will check with town
- Roller/Compactor
 - Current compactor/roller does not work well
 - Cost ~\$2K
 - Capital fund would pay for this but we are also saving up for a new 4-stroke snowmobile
 - Motion to approve expenditure of up to \$2000 for a roller/compactor approved 10-0
 - Joe will research into state surplus for snowmobile

Website: Doug

- 10-15 visits a day
- Mostly younger audience
- New, simplified trail map
 - Need to nail down trail names
 - Differentiate better between single track and double wide
 - Show difficulty ratings??
 - NW: propose ad hoc committee to name/rate trails (Matt, Dave, and Doug)
- JM: community calendar/collaborative website with Recreation Committee?
 - DMc: don't think we should collaborate/combine at this time...he's been working on getting the Trails name "out there"
 - Community calendar will cost ~\$600/yr
 - can be filtered to cut out unwanted info

Budget: Norma & Lenore

- Must submit ASAP
- Proposed budget reflects an increase of \$200 for fuel and \$200 repair and maintenance
- Eric proposed a level-funded budget
- Motion to go forward with a level-funded budget approved 9-0

Other:

- Kiosk has been stabilized
- Pumpkin walk finished in black
- Signage committee
 - Got proofs from sign company
 - Signs have been ordered
- Gail spoke with Chip Troiano about funding/grants for trails

Trails/Town Relations: Eric

- People in town govt. believe that we get town funds, we should be accountable to the town
- We need a more formalized relationship with Select board.
- We have been a semi-independent sub-committee of the Recreation committee
- We are more active than the Rec committee, budgets are separate
- Rec committee is starting to do more
- Members may need to be appointed by Select board
- We want to maintain our autonomy, may need to cross-pollinate board members?
- We may have to conform to public meeting policies (warn meetings, post agendas and minutes, etc.)
- Committee Policy Statement
 - We may want to create our own...
 - or
 - We could be included in the Recreation Committee's
 - Ron will email all members a copy of Rec. Comm's policy statement for our perusal
 - General sentiment: each group should have its own policy (even though they might be identical)

Other Business: Norma W

- keep track of any volunteer hours, meeting hours, etc.
- Could help us in funding & grant applications

Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm

Next Meeting Monday, Dec. 5 at 5:30 in the Hardwick Police Dept. bldg