

Town of Northfield, Vermont
Dog River Park Committee
Minutes of June 17, 2026

1. Roll Call

- a. Committee Members Present: Kim Adams, Russ Barrett, Bonnie Donahue.
- b. Public Present: Kim and Marv Lutnesky
- c. Meeting began at 4:37pm

2. Set/Adjust Agenda

- a. No changes

3. Approval of Minutes (April 2026)

- a. No changes. Minutes approved.
 - i. Motion by Russ, second by Kim. 3-0-0.

4. Summer Park Projects

- a. Knotweed cleanup
 - i. Walked around the meadow to see the extent of knotweed. There is less knotweed than we expected. We decided to wait until next spring to do a knotweed cleanup day because the meadow vegetation is now very tall and thick. Bonnie will reach out to the Friends of the Winooski to coordinate chemical spot treatment of knotweed this year.
- b. Art in the Park
 - i. Kim has a community member on board to lead an art in the park day. Kim will reach out to them to find a date, number of people, and what materials will be needed. Bonnie will reach out to the Town Manager to see if we could have a paint and sip in the park.
- c. Others
 - i. Willow Bench

1. The Willow Bench area is growing in some places, but mostly not alive. Bonnie will ask Simon if he is okay with us removing the willow experiment.

2. Sculpture in the Park

- a. Kim suggested looking into a granite sculpture for the park using the remaining funds we have. Kids play on the mother bear and cub sculpture at the Floating Bridge. There is an artist who does granite sculptures in Randolph we could get in contact with. Group will look into this and discuss at future meetings.

3. Rusting on Swing

- a. One of the chains of the swing has a rusty appearance where people place their hands. It is not rough, just discolored. We will reach out to the company we purchased it from to see what they think.

5. Member updates

- i. None

6. Public Participation (unscheduled)

- a. Marv is potentially interested in becoming a Dog River Park Committee member. Some suggestions Marv had are: tree guards for the trees in the park to prevent mower damage, and hosting an annual community event to clean up the knotweed in the park.

7. Adjourned at 5:45pm

- a. Motion by Russ, second by Kim. 3-0-0