

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT**  
**DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of February 9, 2022**

- I. Roll Call
  - a. Members in attendance: Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Kim Adams, Simon Pearish, Russ Barrett
- II. Set/Adjust Agenda
  - a. No change
- III. Approval of Minutes (January)
  - a. Russ motions, Kim seconds, approved 4-0-0
- IV. Discussion
  - a. Maintenance Plan
    - 1. Bonnie presented some updates to format and the addition of images.
    - 2. Kim added information about the history of the park.
    - 3. Simon included notes and a preliminary map to guide the mowing of the meadow.
    - 4. Need to have a section specific to the riparian buffer (area between river and path) that is distinct from the meadow section.
    - 5. Kim did extensive work on the pollinator garden section. It was suggested that an estimate of volunteer hours that are being invested to give the town an idea about the effort required to maintain the pollinator garden indefinitely.

6. Further investigation needs to be done to establish a maintenance plan for the hard pack paths.
7. Russ was asked to develop a tree maintenance plan. Russ suggested spring and fall inspections. Inspections should be done every three years at a minimum.

b. Spring Event

1. Peanut (Class of '57 rep) suggested to invite all entities acknowledged on plaques and hold the event prior to the end of the NMHS school year so that Cynthia Fortin and her students could attend.
2. The committee discussed an unprogrammed event open to the community. The emphasis was on planning a date and time for a simple gathering.

c. Member updates

V. Public Participation (unscheduled)

VI. Adjournment