TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE
Minutes of October 14, 2026

1. Roll Call
    a. Committee Members Present: Kim Adams, Russ Barrett, Bonnie Donahue.
    b. Public Present: None
    c. Meeting began at 5:44pm
2. Set/Adjust Agenda
    a. No changes
3. Approval of Minutes (September 2026)
    a. No changes. Minutes approved.
        1. Motion by Russ, second by Kim. 3-0-0.
4. Maintenance
    a. Swing chain
        1. Will switch out next year
    b. Willow bench
        1. Russ cut and trimmed back the willow bench. Complete.
    c. Fall mowing
        1. The Town recently mowed the middle third of the meadow as requested. Looks great.
5. Riparian Planting
    a. Discussed applying to grants to do some replanting with Norwich or using DRPC funds to pay for the plants (about $4-$5 a piece). We would only need 40-100 stems max. Committee will purchase the riparian plants (tube lings) without grant funds.
6. Sculpture/Art Item for Park
    a. Over the winter, Bonnie & Kim will reach out to the Town Manager to see what she thinks about this idea, and whether the Town could install concrete pads and the boards for us.
7. Member updates
    a. Discussed transitioning the maintenance of the pollinator garden onto others. Russ will provide Kim with the contact info for the student member on the Conservation Commission to find out if a class at the school wants to take on the maintenance.
8. Public Participation (unscheduled)
    a. None
9. Adjourned at 6:09pm
    a. Motion by Kim, second by Russ. 3-0-0