

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE
Minutes of January 10, 2024

- I. Roll Call
 - a. Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Russ Barrett, Kim Adams, Simon Pearish
- II. Set/Adjust Agenda
 - a. No changes
- III. Approval of Minutes (December)
 - a. Kim motions approval, Russ seconds, approved 4-0-0
- IV. Discussion
 - a. Flooding update
 - 1. The foot path near the river is covered with gravel. It might need to be raked off of the path to allow mowing this summer.
 - 2. The trees and shrubs in the park collected debris that might be damaging these plants. The damage might be exacerbated as snow builds up on the debris-packed plants.
 - 3. A substantial amount of new knotweed was deposited in the park. Another round of knotweed cleanup will be scheduled when the shoots emerge from the new knotweed material.

b. Swing

1. Donated funds will be used to purchase a new swing for the park. With input from the town manager, we decided that the swing and frame should be made of metal and the frame should be in-ground mounted. The frame will be black and the swing will be a hunter green to match existing benches in the park.
2. Bonnie will get three quotes with these parameters and present them to the town manager.

c. Living willow structure

1. Simon will talk to the town manager about a proposal to create a small test structure in the park that will allow us to determine if it would be feasible to build a larger structure 2-3 years in the future. The test structure could be a sunshade for one of the benches.
2. Bonnie will create a landscape drawing to show options of locations where the test structure could be built.

d. Member updates

V. Public Participation (unscheduled)

VI. Adjournment