

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE
Minutes of April 8, 2025

1. Roll Call
 - a. Committee Members Present: Kim Adams, Russ Barrett, Fred Nadon, Bonnie Donahue (all present).
 - b. Meeting began at 5:35pm
2. Set/Adjust Agenda
 - a. No changes
3. Approval of Minutes (February 2026)
 - a. No changes. Minutes approved.
 1. Motion by Russ, second by Kim. 4-0-0.
4. Park Improvement Ideas
 - a. Committee agrees that exercise equipment doesn't seem used very much. We will explore other options for improvements to the park.
 - b. Kim will talk with Jeanne Bright about the idea of hosting a paint and sip in the park this summer.
 - c. DRPC will review the willow installation at our May meeting and determine whether to keep it or take it down.
5. Student Committee Member
 - a. Reviewed draft summary to share with potential Norwich students who might like to be on the committee. Bonnie will send the info to an NU professor that Simon connected her with.
 - b. Kim will reach out to another NU professor to see if they are interested in joining the committee as well.
6. Spring 2026 Knotweed Cleanup
 - a. Instead of a DRPC meeting in May, we will hold a workday on Thursday, May 14th from 12:00-2:00.
 - b. We will invite the community to join via an FPF post 2x (2 weeks before, and 1 week before).
 - c. Bonnie will introduce DRPC to interim town manager and inquire about moving the knotweed pile/the community event.
7. Member updates
 - a. Upcoming events:
 1. Saturday, May 16th - Amphibian program at Berlin Pond
 2. Sunday, May 17th - Historical Society Annual Meeting
 3. Saturday, June 27th - Butterfly Blitz to survey butterflies in designated areas with the Vermont Center for Ecostudies.
8. Public Participation (unscheduled)
 - a. None
9. Adjourned at 6:05pm
 - a. Motion by Russ, second by Fred. 4-0-0