

DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE

Minutes of September 8, 2021

- I. Roll Call.** Members in attendance: Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Kim Adams, Simon Pearish, Russ Barrett, Laura Hill-Eubanks (non-voting)
- II. Set/Adjust Agenda.** No adjustments.
- III. Approval of Minutes (August).** Approved 4-0-0
- IV. Discussion**
 - a. Class of '57 project status.** Plaques have arrived, Dave Ritzer will install the plaques in the pavilion, Flywheel (bench manufacturer) will install plaques on the benches when they arrive. The benches are expected to be delivered within two weeks. This committee is cooperating with Joe Fiorakowski to organize an event to celebrate the benches and plaques. Locations for benches were suggested: Facing the pollinator garden, In the center of the park along the path that runs along the west edge of the meadow, near the large tree that is close to the road at the center of the park, and along the path at the north end of the mowed area.
 - b. Meadow mowing schedule.** Bonnie will follow up with Jeff and ask him to arrange the mowing of the north section.
 - c. Weed management (paths).** The paths are in desperate need of weed control. Bonnie discussed the use of herbicide with the town manager. He is in favor of having a town employee trained and certified to use herbicide rather than contracting the work out to a third party.

- d. Playground equipment.** The current equipment needs to be repaired or removed.
- e. Member updates**
- f. Michele Braun.** The Friends of the Winooski River have a Lake Champlain Basin Program grant to install signage at the park. The goal of the FOTWR is to have cohesive signage that has similar branding at all of the river access sites they help with. Michele showed a rough draft of the proposed sign and we gave comments. The sign is planned to be 2'x3'. Michele will give the comments to the designer and show us another draft. The designer will source the sign from a trusted source that creates extremely rugged signs.

V. Public Participation (unscheduled)

VI. Adjournment