

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE
Minutes of August 10, 2022

I. Roll Call: Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Kim Adams, Simon Pearish, Russ Barrett, Laura Hill-Eubanks (non-voting)

II. Set/Adjust Agenda: No changes.

III. Approval of Minutes (July)

a. Motion to change section IV.g. of the July 2022 minutes was approved 4-0-0

1. Old version: This committee would like to meet with anyone requesting to make permanent additions to the park to ensure that changes to the park fall within the intended purpose of the park and adhere to regulations set by entities that aided in the creation of the park (e.g., FEMA).

Amended version: A potential policy that we discussed was that ~~This committee would like to meet with~~ anyone requesting to make permanent additions to the park **should meet with the DRPC** to ensure that changes to the park fall within the intended purpose of the park and adhere to regulations set by entities that aided in the creation of the park (e.g., FEMA).

IV. Discussion

a. Dog River Symposium

- 1.** The Conservation Committee is holding a Dog River Symposium on Sept. 11. They are hoping to have activities at the Roxbury Fish Culturing Station and the Northfield Community Room.

b. Maintenance Plan

- 1.** The town manager has shown support for the maintenance plan.
- 2.** Bonnie will send the maintenance plan to the Conservation Commission for review.
- 3.** We hope to post the plan to the CC's website after they review it.

c. Path Maintenance

- 1.** The town is working towards resurfacing a portion of the exist path. A rough quote of \$12 per foot was given by a contractor but there was some confusion about the rate (square feet vs. linear feet).

d. Invasive Species Management

- 1.** Control of invasives is a continuing concern. A group in Waitsfield is attempting to forego herbicide use by organizing weekly meetings to remove knotweed manually. It might be worth checking in on that projects to see if they are successful.

e. Member updates

V. Public Participation (unscheduled)

VI. Adjournment