

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT  
DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE  
Minutes of January 12, 2022**

**I. Roll Call**

- a. Members in attendance: Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Fred Nadon, Kim Adams, Simon Pearish, Laura Hill-Eubanks (non-voting)

**II. Set/Adjust Agenda**

- a. No changes

**III. Approval of Minutes (October)**

- a. Approval of October minutes, motion to approve by Kim, seconded Fred, Approved 4-0-0

**IV. Discussion**

**a. Informational Sign Review**

- 1. This committee had no suggestions for improvement. Our recommendation is that the town approve this sign design so that the Friends of the Winooski River can go forward with ordering the sign from the vendor.
- 2. This committee will wait until the spring to decide where the sign should be located within the park.

**b. Maintenance Plan**

- 1. The committee set the goal of presenting the Dog River Park maintenance plan to the Town of Northfield in May.
  - i. Submit a draft to the Town Manager in March
  - ii. Committee member assignments
    - a. Bonnie – Riparian buffer, paths, invasive plants
    - b. Kim – Pollinator Garden
    - c. Laura – History
    - d. Simon – Meadow and Open Space (waste management, lawn maintenance)
    - e. Russ - Trees

**c. Member updates**

- 1. The park was recognized for a Public Places Award by Vermont Urban and Community Forestry
- 2. The park was featured in the This Place in History video series produced by Local 22 News, Local 44 News, and the Vermont Historical Society (see link <https://youtube/Wf1TAwCmzM4> )
- 3. An event to celebrate the placement of the benches should be discussed in the next meeting.

**V. Public Participation (unscheduled)**

**VI. Adjournment:** Kim motions, Fred seconds, 4-0-0