

Town of Northfield, Vermont
Dog River Park Committee
Minutes of October 9, 2024

I. Roll Call

- a. In attendance: Kim Adams, Fred Nadon, Bonnie Donahue
- b. Meeting began at 5:35pm

II. Set/Adjust Agenda

- a. No changes

III. Approval of Minutes (August)

- a. Tabled until next meeting

IV. Elect a new Vice Chair

- a. Tabled until next meeting

V. Discussion

a. Swing

- 1. The committee reviewed and tested out the bench swing, and are happy with the installation, placement, and final product. We may bring a wrench to adjust the seat to lean back slightly more in the future.

b. Paths

- 1. The committee discussed getting a quote to improve the rest of the park's paths and to improve accessibility in the pavilion. Path lengths were measured and will be send out for an estimate.

c. Knotweed

- 1. We will check again in the spring about post-flood knotweed growing in the meadow and coordinating a cleanup day.
- 2. The knotweed pile from 2023 appears mostly dead, the other from May 2024 is still living. Discuss removal with the town.

d. Accessible picnic tables

- 1. Discussed purchasing (1) accessible picnic table for under the pavilion. One of the other picnic tables could be moved out under the trees to make space. To be accessible, the hardpack under the pavilion also needs to be resurfaced, and paths need to connect to the pavilion.
- 2. Fred will research options for the committee to review.

e. Member updates

- 1. Bonnie will reach out to Jeff to discuss:
 - i. Removal of broken play equipment
 - ii. Idea of a simple swing set for older kids/adults
 - iii. Request that the Town brush hog 1/3 of the field after the 1st hard frost.
- 2. Discussed trying to get an additional member to join the DRPC.
- 3. Next meeting: We will skip November and hold a December meeting instead due to no pressing agenda items.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm