

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

1. Roll Call
 - a. Committee Members Present: Kim Adams, Russ Barrett, Bonnie Donahue.
 - b. Committee Members Absent: Fred Nadon
 - c. Meeting began at 5:33pm
2. Set/Adjust Agenda
 - a. No changes
3. Approval of Minutes (July & August)
 - a. No changes. Minutes approved.
 - i. Motion by Russ, second by Kim.
4. Workday – Sandbox Rebuild
 - a. The sandbox looks like it is in great condition. The old cover seems to be worked well, draped over the new box. This project is complete.
5. FPF Posts
 - a. Discussed the proposal on Front Porch Forum (FPF) about adding another trash can to the Dog River Park (near the northern entrance). Given the issues already with how the current trash can is used and the frequency of emptying, the committee feels that (1) trash can in the park is sufficient at this time.
6. Meadow Mowing
 - a. Bonnie will ask Simon about which section of the park needs to be mowed this season, then will ask Jeff if he could have the Town mow after October 15th.
7. Knotweed
 - a. The DRPC will reach out to the Friends of the Winooski next summer to schedule an herbicide treatment for the knotweed in the park. No treatments were done this year.
 - b. Jeff will have the Town relocate the piles of drying knotweed. Bonnie requested that they be placed in the existing knotweed already growing on the parcel.

8. Member Updates

- a. Willows around bench. Committee will give it another season to see how it is growing, then remove if not growing well.
- b. Russ will represent the DRPC on Dog River Day at a tour of the Dog River Park on Saturday, October 18th at 2:00pm.
- c. Unless other more pressing agenda items come up, the next Dog River Park Committee Meeting will be in January 2026.
- d. Bonnie will write the annual summary of the DRPC for the Town Report and will share it with the Committee.

9. Public Participation (unscheduled)

- a. None

10. Adjourned at 5:55pm

- a. Motion by Kim, second by Russ.