

1 Stowe Recreation Commission Meeting
2 Wednesday, May 24, 2017- Stowe Ice Arena DRAFT
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4 The regular meeting of the Stowe Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, May 24 , 2014 in the
5 Arena with the following members present: Terrie Wehse, Vice Chair and running the meeting; Adam
6 Rice, Walt Levering and Rick Swanson.

7 Absent: Brett Loomis, Lynn Altadonna and Mike Loughran. Others present: Bruce Nourjian representing
8 Stowe Area; Caleigh Cross, Stowe Reporter, Tim Bettencourt, Stowe Rotary and David Jaqua. Also
9 present Matt Frazee, Director Stowe Recreation.

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11 **Minutes of March 1, 2017:** Terrie moved to accept as written, seconded by Walt with all in favor.

12 **Minutes of April 6, 2017:** Rick moved to approve, seconded by Adam with all in favor.

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14 On a motion by Walt and seconded by Rick the agenda was accepted.

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16 Rec Path Maintenance Stands: present were Tim Bettencourt on behalf of the Stowe Rotary Club said
17 they would like to purchase 2 bike maintenance stands and install one behind the Community Church
18 and the other at Thompson Park or Chase park. The stands will be donated and the Rotary Club is
19 offering to install and assist in the maintenance on an ongoing basis. Material will be a thermal plastic
20 and tools come with it and are replaceable. Black or dark green are proposed as a color. They will be
21 placed so as not to interfere with plowing or any other maintenance which may be required for the
22 path. Walt moved to accept as presented, seconded by Rick with all in favor.

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24 **Mayo Farm Rec Zone Relocation Discussion:** members were given a draft for the task force committee
25 charge. Mr. Jaqua encouraged the members to go through the regulatory steps of the town and take the
26 time. His time frame was in 2018 ask the town to so a study plus the requirements; 2019 to a vote and
27 then the town for funding; 2020, grow the grass and 2021 being able to use the fields. Mr. Nourjian
28 representing Stowe Area stated he felt all of the stakeholders need to be involved in the idea and he
29 stated they want to make certain the conservation easement will be eternal and never again be
30 changed. Mr. Jaqua suggested the committee meet individually with each stake holder and then bring
31 that back to the Rec Commission. This could take 2 months to get through the list. Mr. Nourjian also
32 suggested the options are left open so that events could go on either of the fields based on town
33 approval. Mr. Jaqua stated the committee needs to be very clear what the goals are. Stowe Land Trust
34 is protecting the agricultural part and agriculture is a large part of any change. After more discussion,
35 Rick moved to accept the Mayo Farm Recreation Zone Relocation Task Force Charge, seconded by Walt
36 with all members present in favor. Brett, Mike and Lynn not present. Serving on the committee will be s
37 Mike Loughran as Chair; Rick Adams, Walt Levering, along with Matt Frazee, Director of Recreation.
38 Mr. Jaqua suggested exploring reasonable concepts and return to the Commission on June 7, 2017.
39 Matt stated the Rec Commission needs to know what is needed and desires; dedicated space to specific
40 uses and allow the events field to remain for events. Mr. Jaqua suggested the committee reach out to
41 the Stowe Land Trust and discuss the possible concepts to start with. Walt suggested we need to
42 determine where parking is needed etc.

43 **tape 1 side 2** Bruce Nourjian left.
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1 **Moscow Field:** `Matt described the situation at the Moscow Field where the river is eroding the bank.
2 A paper was distributed with questions as to what the field could be used for, where parking would be,
3 the concept of a Riparian Area on the border which would lose more space. Matt said perhaps smaller
4 events could be held there. Walt suggested a picnic area, grills, gazebo . The Rec Commission will
5 discuss and determine what uses the new fields should accommodate. Also where would parking be
6 available and how much would be required. Walt said it is a nice place for a family to be. Mr. Jaqua
7 asked if the Commission would consider giving up the ball field use or continue it in its natural state by
8 mowing once a year etc. Mr. Jaqua said there needs to be a plan of use which is desired and look at
9 what would be given up. Matt felt it important to reserve the possibility to use as a ball field if varsity
10 baseball and softball teams should return. Mr. Jaqua felt a camp ground concept would be great. This
11 will be on the agenda for June. Mr. Jaqua suggested the Commission take the opportunity and put
12 something in writing for the Conservation Commission as to what may be desired for the field and do it
13 right away.

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15 Matt said this is the one parking area in town that is not plowed in the winter- used for walking dogs etc.
16 Matt will discuss with Bruce why the decision was made not plow and will also speak with Tom Jackman.
17 Walt thought there are enough expenses without plowing that area.

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19 Terrie told members a few months ago she brought up the idea with the school and Rec Commission
20 that a new Rec Center is needed. The school is over crowded so the idea was to use the Rec Ctr for pre-
21 school during the day. Next week she is meeting with the Superintendent and Town Manager to see if
22 that is even feasible. Members felt it a good idea. Matt suggested it is more in the schools corner to
23 drive the possibilities. Rick would like to see how much more the building could be used for especially
24 seniors, young children etc.

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26 Matt said to do the fields and the Rec Center is highly impossible within the next 10 years with so many
27 other major issues that need to be addressed.

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29 There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

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31 Respectfully submitted,

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34 Barbara S. Allaire