

**Town of Milton, Vermont**  
**Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wed, May 12, 2021 · 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting over Zoom.

**Recreation Commissioners Members Present:** Renee Berteau, Vice Chair; Ryan Bushey; Emily Reinhardt; Rod Moore

**Absent:** John Lindsey

**Staff Present:** Jenna Tucker, Ben Nappi

**1. Call to Order - 5:06 pm**

**2. Amendments to Agenda**

- Appointment of Vice Chair – Renee Berteau volunteered for the position. Motion by Rod to approve, with a second by Ryan Bushey, All approved

**3. Public Forum - None**

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Motion Made by Rod Moore to approve April 14, 2021 meeting minutes, with a second by Ryan Bushey, All approved

**5. Recreation Department Report**

1. Parks & Trails update

1. **Disc Golf** - Hopefully opening this summer. Signage still need to go up. Rise VT grant to build bridges. Getting professional baskets in FY22 budget. Grand Opening TBA. Already have applications to rent/reserve course.
2. **Fruit tree grove** – Work is still ongoing, but the Grove is planted. Many helped on Sunday May 2. 19+ trees 8 bushes. \$1,100 was covered by a grant, \$700 covered by the Town of Milton.
3. **Other FY21 park projects** – Bombardier Park field house improvements, flooring, benches, shade trees, sensory based playground equipment, mountain bike trail, moving park rentals to online Capital Improvement plan projects Tennis Courts and Trail Maintenance.

2. Winter/Spring Events Update

1. **The Great Milton Bake Off** – Completed with a great turnout. Winner was Pia Yarnell. Great Judges and Competitors. Public voters 366 1<sup>st</sup> round, 500 2<sup>nd</sup> round, 363 3<sup>rd</sup> round.
2. **Park Spruce Up Day – Sat, Apr 17 9am** – Great turn out lot of people signed up online and additional people showed up. Ran out of bags to hand out. Park spaces and trails were cleaned up. Also got some of the barbed wire removed from the trails.
3. **Green Up Day – Sat, May 1** – 500 bags distributed. Eric Galls reported that this event filled 2 dump truck full of discarded tires.

3. Spring & Summer

1. **Summer camps** – Were able to get Lacrosse camp up for Summer
2. **New programs** – Camps and new programs, registrations are going great
3. **Music in the Park** - Is coming back this year will be from in July and August when most COVID restrictions ease. Matt Mullen – food vendor – has sponsored event again this year.

4. **Memorial Day** – Will have a normal Memorial Day event this year. Monday May 31, 2021 at 10am in front of the Municipal building. The American Legion is unable to do it this year so Recreation / Town has taken it over.
5. **July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Normal 4<sup>th</sup> of July events this year. Recreation Dept. has taken over the day's events Parade put on by Fire Department at 10am – normal route. Food available throughout the day, afternoon activities planned, Food vendors before fireworks. Fireworks at dusk *\*\* after meeting entry on May 17, 2021 Jenna secured Central Maine Pyrotechnics to provide fireworks display\*\**

4. **Summer Matters Grant** - This is a Federal through the State provided by Bernie Sanders and Phil Scott to provide money for Recreation departments and other organizations to increase summer programs, increase enrollment by lowering registration fees, increase diversity. Money helps Towns and organizations with adding weeks to camps, lowering current fees, transportation costs and contracting with “Wicked Cool for Camps”. Recreation applied for \$58,000 should know by end of May, any money received will be useable by June 14<sup>th</sup>.

5. **Other Recreation Department business** - None

#### 6. Recreation Commission Report

1. **New Recreation Commission member, Emily Reinhardt** - The Commission welcomed its newest member Emily Reinhardt. She stated she wanted to help the Town better and to be a part of the Commission. She will bring a youthful perspective to the Commission.
2. **Appointment of Vice Chair** – Appointed Renee Berteau at beginning of meeting to fill the position.
3. **Other Recreation Commission Business** – Town is planning on slowly opening office space starting June with full unrestricted openings in July.

#### 7. Next Meeting

Wed, June 9, 2021 at 5pm. – Planning on Virtual but may move meeting to Field House - TBD

#### Meeting Adjourned

Motion Made to Adjourn by Ryan Bushey with a second by Rod Moore. All approved – Meeting ended at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Berteau

Handwritten signature of Renee Berteau in cursive, followed by the date 8/18/2021.

Vice Chair

JT 6/8/21