

# Town of Milton, Vermont Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes

Tue, November 27, 2019

Immediately following 6pm joint Conservation/Recreation Commission meeting

**Milton Municipal Building**

43 Bombardier Rd.

Milton, VT 05468

## 1. Attendance:

- Staff: Kym Duchesneau, Recreation Director; Ben Nappi, Assistant Recreation Director
- Recreation Commission: John Lindsay, Chair; Sharon Radtke, Vice Chair; Wayne Peters
- Absent: Renee Berteau

## 2. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Lindsay at 8:05pm

## 3. Amendments to Agenda: None

## 4. Public Forum: None

## 5. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes approved. Radtke motioned, Peters seconded. All in favor.

## 6. Recreation Department Report:

- Upcoming Holiday & Winter/Spring Programs & Events - updates
  - Holiday Tree Lighting: Sat, Dec. 7. Event begins at 6:30pm. Tree lights on at 7pm. Peters volunteered to help at event. Radtke and Lindsay hope to help out as well.
- Milton Recreation Master Plan Update – updates and review Draft
  - Recreation Staff received the Draft of the Plan from the SE Group and forwarded it along to Commission members for their review. RC members asked to submit any questions and/or edits to Staff by mid-December. Goal is for the final Draft presentation by SE Group to be on the second January Selectboard meeting agenda for approval/adoption.
- Dog Park – winter update
  - Although initially closed for the season, in response to community feedback the Dog Park is now open and being maintained by a group of dedicated volunteers. Volunteers are asked to shovel around all gates so that they open and close freely, swap out garbage bag when ½ full and replace dog poop bags when dispenser is empty. Town will provide bags. This is a trial period and if volunteers are not able to follow through, Town will need to close it again as Town resources (staff) are not sufficient to maintain this facility in the winter months.
- RiseVT – community opportunity
  - Milton has been selected as the second RiseVT community in Chittenden County. RiseVT works with partners in a community to motivate and inspire individuals, families, businesses and schools to make small changes in their lives that will have a big impact on their health and community in all sorts of ways. RiseVT offers organizations within the community mini-grants (up to \$1500 each; \$10K total to Milton/year) and also offers “boots on the ground” helping with Grant writing, event help and more.
- Recreation FY21 Budget & Capital Improvement Plan – Selectboard meeting schedule
  - Recreation will be on the Thu, Dec. 10 Selectboard Budget meeting agenda. Meeting begins at 6pm in the Community Room.
    - This meeting will be in lieu of the regular Wed, Dec. 10 RC meeting.

- Duchesneau met with the Town Manager and Finance Director and the proposed FY21 Recreation operating is for the most part level-funded. The one Capital item proposed for FY21 is \$45K for “Bombardier Park Trail Improvements and Gravel Pathways in Bombardier Park”.
- Radtke and Lindsay noted that many community members have mentioned to them that a parking area closer to the Dog Park would be beneficial. This item is on the radar for a future Capital year as there are concerns about wetlands.
- Other Recreation Department Business
  - Park Signage – Recreation just received updated Park signage from Ye Olde Sign Shoppe which will be installed shortly. Signs include Park Rules, Park Hours, Ice Rink/Basketball Court rules sign and Tennis Court rules sign.

**7. Recreation Commission Report:**

- Recruiting additional Recreation Commission members
  - Commissioners have been mentioning the open seats whenever they can. Staff has heard from a couple of community member who have expressed interested in joining.
- Milton Winter Festival – Feb. 7-9, 2020
  - Planning is coming along and will follow the same basic format as in past years.
- Other Recreation Commission Business - None

**8. Next Meeting:**

- Budget meeting with Milton Selectboard - Thu, Dec. 10 at 6pm

**9. Motion to Adjourn:** Lindsay moved to adjourn; seconded by Berteau. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Respectfully,

John Lindsay, Chair  
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