

East Montpelier Recreation Board Meeting  
July 8, 2019 at 7:15 PM

Minutes

1. Attendance – Jeffrey Theis (Vermont League of Cities and Towns), Jack Zeilenga, Kate Bean, Jan Aldrich, Alexander Rob, Kim McKee (Cross Vermont Trail)
2. Approve minutes from June 10 – tabled until August 12 due to lack of Quorum
3. Public statements – no members of the public are present
4. Financial - tabled until August 12
5. Play Structure at Rec Field – We met with Jeffrey Theis, Senior Loss Control, from the Vermont League of Cities in Towns regarding liability issues surrounding a play structure at the rec field. The VLCT manages a insurance/liability pool that the town is part of. Recommendations:
  - a. Buy new commercial equipment and have it professionally installed.
  - b. Take advantage of installers liability protection.
  - c. Equipment is for different ages. They are toddler, Age 2 -5, Age 5 -12. Any playground would have to be designed for 1 of these age groups. If the children's feet are always on the ground, then wood chips are not required.
  - d. One source for grants could be Vermont parks and recs. Another source is Building and General Services.
  - e. Need signs saying age limits. A fence is a great idea.
  - f. Accessibility is something to keep in mind. Vermont Center for Independent Living is a good resource.
  - g. Other non-playground things to keep in mind per Jeffrey: Background checks are needed for coaches and volunteers. There is basic medical coverage available for anyone who gets hurt volunteering for a town. Coverage of up to \$50,000 in medical starting with the first dollar. To use this benefit, you only need to contact the town. Claims should be filled quickly. If you use a vendor you should get a contract and a certificate of insurance for \$1,000,000.00.
6. Cross Vermont Trail Discussion – Kim McKee came to speak with us about the cross Vermont trail. They are nearing their fund-raising goal to connect the section between the Central Vermont Civic Center and are doing outreach to community boards.
7. Roadside Project – Late this week or early next week they plan to start up again. Need to finish ditching and entrance way. Going to raise the roadway with soil and gravel. Guthrie believes the project is under budget. They believe that a modular shed is best.

8. Baseball Field – 1<sup>st</sup> Base line Fence -Will go from the end of the fence to the dugout with a gate. Will be 4 feet tall. Options are black vinyl (\$1,695.14) or Galvanized chain link that costs (\$1,500.48) installed. Will add to grant application. Priorities for grant are bleachers, soccer benches, goals, and the 1<sup>st</sup> baseline fence.
9. Soccer Update – Registration will come out soon. Need new nets and to figure out which goals belong to EMES and to EMRB.
10. Baseball Wrap up - tabled until August 12
11. Website (Blue Sombrero) -The town has purchased a domain name for us. Website will be operational as soon as it is ported to the new domain. Kate took all uniforms home.
12. Document Recovery – Most recent website is offline, original website is still up, facebook page appears to be offline
13. Non-traditional field use - tabled until August 12
14. Sponsorships - tabled until August 12
15. Board Items - none