

East Montpelier Recreation Board Minutes
March 13, 2023
Meeting held at East Montpelier Elementary School

1) Call Meeting to order - 7:15 pm

2) Attendance - Anne Lamere , Jan Aldrich, Kate Bean, Darci Coleman-Grave, Bob Fitch (Phone) , Jason DeForge
Public - Carl Etnier, Larry Gilbert

3) Public Comments -
County Road Event

- Select board comfortable with if we get liability issues understood but would need a new vote - Carl had met with Larry Smith from Vermont League of Cities and Towns said no other ins would be needed other than the insurance that the town has (we fall under town)
- Volunteers interacting with kids - background check
- Flagging Volunteers take 3 hour training - town would pay for the training
- 71 responses about event (60/40 against) - There is a package on select board site to see comments
- Select board visionary about what's good for the town (Not necessarily what the voice of the town is)
- Are there other infrastructure (ie harvest fest) instead of closing down county road? - County road is good option because of new paving and detour
- Easy and obvious detour to avoid the 2 mile stretch
- 2nd place = Vincent Flats
- Detour Barnes --> Center --> Templeton
- Morse is on board and will allow parking in lower lot
- Open Streets trying to bring communities together
- Why not one per year? Repetition is key for success
- Church Parking overflow on Center could be a concern during detour hours - road could be more busy than usual
- If current volunteers decide they don't want to do it can we be forced by select board to do it? -- Carl says can't be sure depends on the select board
- No Funding from the rec board

Board will discuss this proposal at the April meeting.

4) Approve Minutes from previous meeting - Motion to Approve February 13th minutes - Motion Kate , 2nd Jan. unanimously approved

5) Treasurer's Report - Nothing new - meeting Thursday to discuss online payment - Michelle Palas

6) Basketball Wrap up - Success, uniforms are great, - proposal next year put a line item budget for plaques, certs and ref fees (maybe all sports) Maybe need a scoreboard repairs, and Mats on stage. Bob does something like this already

Important Note -- Anne and Jared will do one more season 2023-2024 as Basketball coordinator - they are documenting process

7) Lacrosse Update. - 1 3/4 girls team - might send others to Byssa team run k-2 program may have to send others to byssa? 3- 5/6 boy, 2 - 5/6

How do we promote the sport but not lose them to BYSA - Still want to help develop U-32 feeder program

Have girls HS team talk to all kids but have BYSA as option but have them work with EM Rec so we have their names for next year

Get buy in from coaches

8) Baseball/Softball Update - Registration open, early in the process

9) New Board Members - Motion to approve to move nominations for rec board to the select board (Nick Van Den Berg, Karin Chioffe , Ashley Demers) - Jan moved, Kates 2nd - unanimously approved

10) Board Items -

Easter egg update - April 1st

--Do we do away with toys ? Parents at town meeting said they just throw it away

--decided to keep tatoos, bubbles and candy

--Notion to approve Up to \$600 for easter egg Jason made motion - Anne 2nd - unanimously approved

Background checks

-- Jan will keep doing them and train someone as well

Memorial Bench request -

-- no cost to us- Riverton memories - need to tell them what we want it to say

-- Need to have what we want it to say

-- **Needs to be on the agenda for April Meeting**

-- Plan ceremony

Order Bags 6th grader bags sooner than later

Strong Girls

-- \$15 - which should cover shirts

Adjourn 8:24