

Hardwick Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2025, 6:02 PM

Members present: Jason Bahner, Mallory Greaves, Emily Varvir via phone.

Members absent: Sara Berhsing

Recreation Coordinator: Jason Bahner

Special Guests: Helen Beattie & Tracy Martin

Mallory called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of Budget:

Due to lack of member presence, approval of the January budget will take place at the March meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

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Snow in Show

Helen reported that the Jeudevine Library and Trail Committee will be hosting a “Snow and Show” winter carnival event on Sunday March 2nd from 2pm-3:30pm. This event will include snowshoeing, skiing, and collaborative games. Helen asked the committee for volunteers and if there were any ideas to expand the event. Jason suggested he could teach a bit about fat biking, present what a fat bike is, give a tutorial, and go for a ride on the trails. The event will be followed up with hot chocolate and a movie at the Jeudevine Library.

Helen reported that the trails had concerns about the SnowDog grooming affecting the skiing trails. Jason agreed to discuss this issue with the groomer and collaborate with the trails maintenance team to avoid further conflict.

LVRT

Tracy reported what work had previously occurred with the LVRT committee that had been disbanded. This included explaining the trail head locations, issues East Hardwick is facing with the trail head location. Most of the trail head equipment for Hardwick has been collected and is now in storage until install. Tracy reported that the town was able to lock in a grant that allowed for the purchase of two ADA accessible picnic tables, two bike repair stations, and a bench.

The town had trouble finding someone to dig slots for the kiosks in a safe manner this past fall. Jason had a suggestion of who might be a good contact, he will be reaching out to see if the installation can be arranged in the spring. The committee will continue to discuss rail trail trailhead installations in coming meetings. Tracy will attend when she is available.

Jeudevine Library Collaboration

Mallory reported that she had been in contact with Diane Grenkow the director of the library about collaboration of movie nights. Diane reported that it would be wonderful to collaborate for the winter months to put on, and maybe some older movies in the summer and spring. The older movies would be outside the library space provided. Details for these events will be discussed further in the spring.

The committee discussed purchasing and storing a popcorn maker for the library's use during the movie events. Diane suggested storage could be at the library depending on sizing, Jason and Mallory will begin searching for a decent popcorn maker and reach out to Diane with finalists.

New Business

Mallory will try to get advertising out looking for committee members. Tracy volunteered to mention the lack of members at town meetings in hopes for willing participants.

With no further business Mallory adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mallory Greaves, Chair in absence of Secretary

The next meeting of the Committee will be held March 13th, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Senior Center