

Town of Fairfield
Recreation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Charlie Thomas
2. Public Comment
 - a. Fairfield Pond Association
 - i. Demetrius, president, expressed concern about the degrading water quality and the increased traffic at the Fairfield Public Beach. Looking to add some information in the annual newsletter for the Pond Association about the proposed changes to the Public Beach and to invite residents to come to the recreation committee meetings.
3. Run for Chet in October 2020
 - a. Tentatively scheduled for October 3, 2020
 - b. Town paying for band/sound system?
 - c. COVID-19 Concerns
 - d. Regular and kids' routes
 - e. Partners might include RISE VT, Green Mountain Athletics Association, and Saint Albans Parks & Recreation
4. Public Beach Project
 - a. There was discussion of ways to increase the access of the Public Beach while at the same time promoting safety and the well-being of the environment. The town owns the land where the beach is and a plot across the roadway. Staff has begun to investigate the possibility of developing that land to possibly include parking, a playground, a building of some sort. The current parking situation is unsafe due to vehicles sticking out into the travelled portion of the roadway. The speed at which vehicles go by the beach was also discussed. Possible solutions include lowering the speed limit or installing speed bumps.
5. Rail Trail Path Access Points
 - a. Concerns were expressed about the number of ATVs on the trail from East Fairfield heading towards Jeffersonville as they are doing damage to the trails. There was discussion that these trails are not town-owned or maintained.
6. New Programming Ideas
 - a. Summer Fishing Derby – It was noted that a state permit is needed for this type of event
 - b. Fairfield Little League – The recreation fields are almost completed in both Fairfield Center and East Fairfield. Once they are done, the little league will be using these fields for practices and games.
 - c. Fitness Trail Ideas – It was noted that National Life Group in Montpelier has a Par Course that is a 1.2 mile trail with 18 fitness stations. The par course is used as a running/walking trail during the summer season and as a snowshoe trail during the winter season.

- d. Geocaching – 12 sites have been established in Fairfield and will be ready at the beginning of July.
 - e. Chet’s Clean-Up – Since this is a historical site, it was discussed that the historical society should be involved in the planning. It was also discussed that Jaime Tibbits should be involved as she is the outdoor classroom coordinator at the Fairfield Center School.
 - f. Renting Equipment
 - i. Basketballs
 - ii. Baseballs/Bats/Gloves
 - iii. Soccer Balls
7. Motion by Charlie, second by John Baxter, all in favor of adjourning the meeting at 9:18 PM.

Sign-In Sheet

Tyrone Shaw	- Meeting House + Community Ctr
Meemee Bassett	Meeting House + Community Center
Chad + Michelle LeCroix	Meeting House + Community Center
Rebecca Chomyn	Rec Com. Member
Chanel Moore	Resident
Demetrius Bolduc	Resident / Fairfield Pond Association
John Dasao	Rec committee
Steve Smith	Resident / Little League
Hank Hughes	Resident / Little League
John Bant	Rec committee