

Westmoreland NH Recreation Committee

October 25th Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present

Susie Harris – Chair, Dave Bressett

Potential New Members (not yet approved by BOS)

Alan Bell, Kevin Hildreth, Nancy Hillier

5pm Meeting Called to order by Susie Harris

Susie Harris asked the new potential members why they were interested in the committee and if they had any ideas or projects in mind.

Nancy Hillier said she was interested because Susie had asked her to join. Nancy mentioned she thought getting a seasonal (flooded by the fire dept) ice rink going as a community draw for families would be nice like, what they did in the past many years ago as she remembers growing up here.

Kevin Hildreth mentioned that he wanted to get involved with the community and the recreation committee seemed like a good place to start.

Alan Bell mentioned that he had an idea to create (with property owners permission) a walking trail along the side of South Village Road (about 20 feet in from the edge of the road) which would allow people to walk without endangering themselves on the road. Much discussion was had over this with an over all sense that it would be a difficult undertaking as many property owners would have to agree.

Alan Said that he would put a map together and start to look into what it would require.

Susie Harris mentioned that she was hoping Emily Allen was going to be at the meeting as her main focus is getting East Westmoreland Ball field into better condition. Susie is hoping to get any money needed for this into the next budget.

Susie Harris is interested in maintaining the tennis courts which have a fence which is falling down and a tree which needs to be removed. Susie will be looking into getting estimates on that work.

Susie Harris also mentioned that in the future it would be great if the town had a public boat launch for the Connecticut river, with a small area for picnic tables etc. All in the room were in excited by idea though it would need to be a long-term project.

Dave Bressett mentioned how difficult and time-consuming dealing with the authorities over the River can be, requiring this to be something long term if its going to get done.

Alan Bell suggested that in order for us to make things like the ice skating happen we would need to meet more than once a year. Nancy suggested we plan the next meeting.

Kevin Hildreth asked that we meet after the holidays and a meeting was set for January 17th and 5pm.

605pm Susie Moved to close the meeting, Nancy seconded and the meeting was closed.

Submitted by Alan Bell