

Guilford Recreation Commission Meeting  
Thursday, April 14, 2022  
6:30-7:30 pm

I. Commissioners in attendance: Mary Wallace-Collins, Kelsy Allan, Chris Zappala, Verandah Porche (Selectboard liaison), Ragan Beebe (joined at 6:45)

II. Recognition of Public :

Allie Budine, Guilford resident, interested in joining the Commission, Eric Jones and Wendy Stone, former Rec. Commissioners, joined at 7:15 to talk about the Playscape.

III. Call to Order: 6:38

IV. Old Business:

1. Ski return: We have about 14 sets of equipment returned to Mary, so far. Chris has received 2 sets. Next week, the returns will be documented and another email will be sent to those outstanding.

2. Egg hunt at Springs Farm April 16, 2022: Ashley has been soliciting donations of candy for the egg hunt. There was a discussion of other games and activities that will be available. The commissioners discussed the predicted rainy weather and whether to change the date of the event. Mary called Ashley, who was unable to attend the meeting, to discuss the date and time change. The commission decided to make changes only after Ashley had time to "poll" with attendees and volunteers on the best changes to make. Mary will alert commissioners to new changes on the morning of Friday, April 15.

3. Eric Jones and Wendy Stone joined the meeting at 7:15 to discuss maintenance of the Playscape. Playscape Committee members are in support of regular maintenance, removal of debris, removal of weeds, edging of trail to ensure a uniform 5 foot width, a new layer of surpac for the trail, a new contract with the lawn mower, and that there be no herbicides used at the Playscape. It was noted that repairing the trail was not in the scope of the lawnmower duties. While the commissioners are cautious about advocating more spending, it was questioned whether funds for trail maintenance should be part of the town capital plan. The commission will obtain approximate costs for the work stated above by asking Vermont Roadworks, and LaRock for prices. The commission discussed planning workdays to assist the regular maintenance that is required. The commission moved to ask Vermont Roadworks, because of their support for the Playscape in the past, about the trail maintenance specifically. The Commission discussed mounting a plaque at the Playscape acknowledging the work of organizations and individuals who have contributed to making the space.

V. New Business:

1. Mary reports that Jake Dixon, founder and organizer of the Nordic Ski Program, is stepping down from the Recreation Commission. Her considerate and energetic input to the Recreation Commission will be missed.

2. The Commission brainstormed possible events for the coming year. Among ideas are the annual Bike Night in June. It was suggested that the Commission hold a Field Day for Guilford, which the Commission could possibly organize with the Rec. Club, and draw in other Commissions and town organizations to participate, compete in events, and share information

3. In the matter of closing out the matching grant for the Playscape, the Commission will contact the Town Clerk for receipts for the work there.

Mary will contact Allie about formally joining the commission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49.