

New Hartford Recreation
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Call to Order: 6:02 pm

Members Present: Joe Petrarca, Arnie Helt, Greg O'Brien, Jeremy Schaller

Members Absent: Ed McCann, Linda Aquavia, Mark McCarthy

Others Present: Christy Tellier, Jean Darlington

Opportunity For Public Comment:

Jean presented as member of Open Space Commission. They have been working on a conservation easement for the Butler Farm property. Waiting for First Selectman signature and the land trust. 8.1 acres along the river is now preserved as open space. There is work to do in conjunction with the Land Trust to remove and deal with invasive plant species.

Jean also reviewed the topic of the nature trail at Brodie that she had brought before the Commission in August. She has been in touch with several residents about public community walks. Jean's spoken with Pat & Tammy Casey from the Historical Society, Fran Stoffer about poetry, Suzy Horn about art, Ann Hall to cover history and nature. The trails have been used and incorporated into the camp program with Fran. Ann can bring a historical aspect about how the land has historically been used through the centuries. The Brodie land has historical significance. Trail maps could be made incorporating these pieces and loaded into an app and put on the town website. Jeremy said that he has used walking tour apps for other locations that play a narrative on your phone about trails, plants, history, etc. Small signage can be placed with a location name and number that corresponds with an audio recording. There was then discussion about the 2010 Open Space Baseline study that was conducted by the Northwest Conservation District. Soil tests and analysis were conducted. The field at Brodie South was determined to be prime farm land soil. If that area was ever developed, that status would be lost. Jean to email the study and color maps to the commission.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes was tabled.

Old Business:

Arnie asked about the next budget year. The roof on the Field House needs replacing. He suggested pricing both asphalt and metal roofing.

Arnie reported that the Cyclocross event was held. It wasn't as wet, there was minor damage that Pat would be following up on.

Waterfront / Boat Mooring renovation project is still on hold.

Financials:

Program, Capital accounts are good.

New Business:

Ski Club registrations have begun. Looking good so far.

Christy advised that at the December meeting would need to elect a 2020 Chairperson, set the calendar of meetings, begin discussing program fees for the 2020 season and discuss budget year 2021 items.

Arnie made a motion to adjourn at 6:49 pm seconded by Greg. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Tellier
Recreation Director