

**Charlemont Parks & Recreation
December 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Chairman Mike Hayden, Bill Harker, Tom Shields, Neil Neuhauser and Jackie Cashin.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Peter Crisci, Luke Toritto, Matt Gaspar, T. Walker Metcalfe

Call to Order

Parks and Recreation Chairman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meetings were reviewed.

Motion to accept: Motion: Bill Harker, second: Neil Neuhauser, and accepted unanimously.

Financial-N/A

Old Business

- Trailer storage is full and has brought in good revenue this year. All units must be removed from the premises by April 15, 2025.
- Parks and recreation will request cameras for the grounds.
- A new sign and will be writing a warrant for roof repair in the Spring.

New Business/Discussion

Four members of the mountain bike community have organized and presented to the Parks and Recreation Commissioners a plan for a dirt track on the Fairgrounds. The pump track will consist of hollows and berms to teach critical skills for mountain biking. This would be equivalent to a playground for beginning mountain bikers and would be free for the community. E-bikes would be allowed if less than 20 mph. This park would represent a low-risk feature which would only require regular insurance. This would be a permanent structure on the grounds. The board recommended that signage be included in the design. Members of the presenting group would like to enlist the New England Mountain Bike Association for help with the project. The cost of the project would be conservatively \$50,000 or less, which would be covered by various donations. Maintenance for the track would be retained by the group and a maintenance plan would be provided to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission unanimously supported the idea and will await further development information from the presenting group.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be scheduled as required.

Adjournment

Bill Harker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Seconded by Neil Neuhauser and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Cashin

No inclusions