

North Yarmouth Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes of Meeting – September 10, 2014, 7 PM

In attendance: Brian Sites, Rick Smart, Scott, Kerr, Heidi Shaw Alpern, and David Holman. Rosemary Roy joined for the first 30 minutes. Brad Smith and Alex Carr (BoS liaison) were not in attendance.

1. Rosemary swore in the attendees as regular members for this first meeting of Parks and Recreation. Afterward she discussed her vision around this committee and areas where she sees a need for this committee to provide resource and support.
2. The bylaws were discussed. Edits were made in Scope and Purpose and a Vice Chair position was added to the list of elected officers. Meetings were agreed to be monthly on the first Wednesday at 7pm. Updates were discussed, noted, and agreed upon. Scott Kerr motioned to adopt the bylaws with noted adjustments, seconded by David Holman. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
3. Elections were held following bylaw adoption. Brian Sites was nominated and elected chairman of the committee. Dave Holman was nominated and elected Vice Chair. Rick Smart was nominated and elected Secretary.
4. Dave Holman mentioned the need for more social media involvement by the town and this committee. Dave will set up a Facebook page for the committee and assign all members of the committee as administrators. Page will be titled "North Yarmouth Parks and Rec". Due date: September 19, 2014.
5. Brian discussed the need to develop an action plan and focus for the committee early at the next regular meeting. Brian has the outline of a broad community development and town promotional plan and would like to incorporate the committee members' ideas. Assignment: lay out your vision for North Yarmouth in terms that each person is comfortable with—for example some people are task oriented and see a series of tasks over time, while others are grand vision people. Members were asked to develop their own ideas in terms with which they are comfortable and share them with the group prior to the next meeting. Due date: 9/24.
6. Rosemary had mentioned early in the meeting that there was a bike rack at NYMS that could be repurposed in the village center. Scott Kerr agreed to have a look at it and send out a photo to the group. Due date: 9/12.
7. The group had a discussion about chip seal. It was broadly agreed among the group that the chip seal on Milliken between the railroad tracks and West Pownal Road, as well as Town Farm road, seems to be the best application. Sligo Road remains a concern, as the chips are still prevalent and there appears to be tire grooves wearing quickly on the new surface. Brian has asked some outside bike groups to take a tour of the new applications of chip seal around town and share their thoughts.
8. The next meeting is October 1st.