

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT

DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE

Minutes of October 11, 2023

I. Roll Call

- a. Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Kim Adams, Simon Pearish

II. Set/Adjust Agenda

- a. No changes

III. Approval of Minutes (Sept)

- a. Kim motioned, Simon seconded, passed 3-0-0

IV. Discussion

a. Maintenance Plan

- i. Bonnie went to a meeting of the Northfield Conservation Commission. They voted in favor of the maintenance plan and are considering ways to integrate our plan into the maintenance plan for Cheney Meadow.
- ii. The NCC suggested we prepare a condensed version to help provide guidance for the mowing crew.

b. Swing

- i. The town manager prefers the sturdiest, most durable version. The cost will be greater but it is more likely to last and not get damaged.

c. Knotweed

- i. Friends of the Winooski River has requested that a contractor (Redstart) apply riparian zone approved herbicide to knotweed in the park. We contacted the FOTWR director to determine if that work was done.

d. Member updates

- i. A new bench was placed in the park recently without this committee being consulted. Bonnie asked the town manager about this and he said that approval had been given previously and that the bench was donated by family of former residents of the park property. We have given the bench our blessing.
- ii. The southern third of the meadow will be mowed soon. Simon will meet with the town employees and town manager to advise them on the location that should be mowed.

V. Public Participation (unscheduled)

VI. Adjournment