

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT**  
**DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of August 9, 2023**

I. Roll Call

- a. Members in attendance - Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Russ Barrett, Fred Nadon, Simon Pearish
- b. Also, in attendance – Lisa Kolb

II. Set/Adjust Agenda

- a. No changes

III. Approval of Minutes (July)

- a. Russ motions to approve, Simon seconds, passed 4-0-0

IV. Discussion

- a. Dog River Park Clean-up
  - i. Following the July 10 flood, the grass paths were in bad shape with many footprints and ruts from bicycles. However, the paths appear to have corrected themselves. They are walkable and mow able so we don't see the need for intervention.
  - ii. Many trees are bent over sideways from the flood. We discussed the possibility of corrective action but the recommendation is to let the trees correct themselves.
  - iii. We will invite volunteers to gather knotweed that is present in the debris that is hanging in the trees. This loose knotweed will be placed on an existing concrete slab in a containment unit for drying.
- b. Playground & Swing
  - i. Kim offered several options for a bench swings with frames. We are interested in seeing some different alternatives to the cedar swings she presented, such as metal or hardwood.
- c. Member updates
  - i. Russ reported that several apple trees are going to be replanted. These trees were mostly likely killed by over aggressive string trimming. We will advocate for mulch around the trees to control weeds and continue to help educate mowing crews about the need to avoid hitting trees while string trimming.

V. Public Participation (unscheduled)

VI. Adjournment