

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE
Minutes of December 13, 2023

I. Roll Call

- a. Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Russ Barrett, Kim Adams, Simon Parish

II. Set/Adjust Agenda

- a. Member updates will be given prior to discussion item A.

III. Approval of Minutes (October)

- a. Kim motions approval, Russ seconds, approved 4-0-0

IV. Discussion

a. Living willow structure

- i. Simon presented an idea to create a living willow structure in the park with the goal of creating a feature that children could use in imaginative play.
- ii. The committee discussed potential options for a space and location of the structure.
 - 1. Common structure shapes include domes, arches, and tunnels. The ideal shape will not inhibit mowing or cut off visibility.
 - 2. Location options include the space directly east of the pavilion or closer to the meadow. The location will not interfere with existing paths.
- iii. Russ has the willow cuttings that are needed for the project.
- iv. Simon will propose the project to the town manager.
- v. If approved, the project will be done in early May.

b. Member updates

- i. The south 1/3rd of the meadow was mowed by town employees with advice from Bonnie.
- ii. The Friends of the Winooski River published an article about the park, linked here:
<https://winooskiriver.org/dog-river-park>

V. Public Participation (unscheduled)

VI. Adjournment