

Recreation Council Meeting Minutes from April 4<sup>th</sup> '17 @ 7 pm, Tracy Hall  
Attending: Jill Niles, Jill Collins, Ryan Gardner, Kristin Fauci, Gered Dunne & Page Tompkins

Approval of March minutes

New Rec Council seats. Congratulations to Bill Tine, who was selected to fill a vacant spot on the council. Barring a change of heart or Macinroe-esque behavior on the court or pitch, he will be sworn in at the next select board meeting. (Bill was approved by the SB on 4/12) Many thanks to Jen Shepherd for her interest as well.

Agenda Items:

1. Snowmobile. The new Rec Council sled and volunteer grooming team was in action during the closing days of winter. A new grooming pattern has been established on Huntley Meadow, which attempts to define clearer pathways for walking as well as skate and classic skiing, and takes advantage of quiet places in the lee of the Huntley Tennis Court wind screens. The volunteer grooming team is seeking donations of rad 80s era one piece snowmobile jumpsuits, to deflect 2 stroke engine fumes and wear to Warren Miller shows.

2. Staking Rink: the Marion Cross public skating rink will be removed soon to make way for other wholesome Celtic festivities in May. The rink was a big hit with Canadians and Americans alike, and is viewed as a great bridge between our cultures. Thanks to volunteer shovelers, hosers, and snow blowers, for keeping things tidy.

3. Spring/Summer programs:

-The spring rec program schedule as last year, with the addition of a second session of mountain biking.

-Programs are all open on-line now.

-A huge success in it's inaugural year, youth mountain biking is expected to fill quickly. Note to exuberant fat tire enthusiasts: please refrain from signing your children up for both sessions, despite how awesome it would be.

-Discounted Storrs Pond admission tickets will be available again for Norwich residents.

4. Around Norwich Trails Series (ANTS)

-Dates have been set for a friendly, casual trail running series featuring old and new Norwich trails throughout the summer. Early season runs will feature shorter trails and build to longer events towards the end of summer. Rec Council will help promote the schedule and hope to participate as well. In the meantime, look for flyers at town hall and Dan and Whits. The flyer is noticeable because it is covered in ants, but is not an ad for an exterminator. For more info, please take a picture of the flyer rather than stealing the whole thing.

5. Town Trail questions: Rec Council is very much interested in being involved in upcoming decisions regarding the management of the Milton Frye Recreation Area adjacent to Marion Cross School. The council will attempt to meet with interested

parties, including the Marion Cross staff, PTA, town manager, and Norwich Trails Committee.

6. New Business: the council will meet in subcommittee to review programming and the Rec. department budget, and hopes to develop a long term funding plan to maintain, revive, and improve recreation infrastructure throughout town parks and trails.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in Tracy Hall