

Norwich Rec Council

Agenda – Tuesday, April 6th , 2021 – 7pm

Via Zoom

Attendees: Cathy Girard, Kristin Pontecorvo, Bill Tine, Brie Swenson, Nina Sablan, Sarah Martin.

March minutes were approved.

State Guidance update: Brie updated the group on the state's recently updated guidance with July 5th as the state target open date. Norwich will continue to stay safe working within the current guidance.

Bos Fountain update: Cathy updated the group on the status. Cathy met with the Trails Committee to plan an open kiosk to provide protection for the hydration station. Next steps are for the town to purchase the fountain and install it.

Barrett Meadow Playground oven update: Bill updated the group on maintenance of the historic bread oven. The plan is to maintain the style and overall aesthetic of the oven area, keeping the foundation while rebuilding the hearth and oven dome. A donation from King Arthur Baking Co will cover materials and the cost of an expert oven builder to lead the project. The project is expected to take a 3-day weekend with a volunteer team of 12 people.

Huntley Meadow Field update: Brie updated the group on plans and bids to maintain and reseed Huntley to bring the field back to playing conditions. Compost tea, seaweed fertilizer will be used within the organic material needed to be applied to the fields along with partial tilling, aerating and overseeding of playing fields. A plan is being formed to manage the effort in 2 or 3 sequential projects to keep part of Huntley open while areas are being reseeded and regrown.

Women's Club Grant request: Brie updated that we did not participate in a grant request this year. Off-cycle grant requests could still be made if a project is warranted.

New business: For recreation lacrosse, UVRA will be updating their guidelines to follow US lacrosse guidelines.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm