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Town of Proctor
VOREC Planning Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
November 04, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.
Town Office Meeting Room

Members Present

Linda Raymond (Selectboard Rep)

Lisa Miser (Librarian & Our Yard Rep)

Dale Christie (Beaver Pond Committee & Planning Commission Rep)

Robert Oberg (Planning Commission & Park and Recreation Rep)

Employees Present

Michael Ramsey (Town Manager)

5:00 P.M. Meeting Called to Order

Public Comments

No Public/No Guests

Review Application Material & Brainstorm Potential Projects

- Michael Ramsey started the discussion by positing that the sample application material appeared to imply the town should strategize around creating trail signage.
- The committee felt like the Tennis Courts at the school would not be a good fit this grant cycle. Furthermore, it was not mentioned in the first application letter.
- Robert Oberg suggested the pool be a part of the trail project, along with the addition of a new pavilion. The rest of the committee agreed that since the pool has restrictive access, directing trail goes toward the pool could lead to disappointment when they meet a locked gate.
- Lisa Miser suggested the signage highlight and lead hikers towards public goods like the Marble Bridge, Carriage Trailhead, Southerland Falls, etc.
- Linda Raymond asked if this funding could be used toward schools or community gardens. The committee, overall, did not feel this idea fell in line with the proposals outlined in the original proposal letter.
- Group discussed possibility of contacting OMYA and creating a trail through the existing sandpit to connect Southerland Falls to Carriage Trail
- Group discussed different ways to monitor the project. Ideas included: uptick in business activity in town, race events on the trail, sign-in booklets, etc.

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Assign Project Duties for Application Process

- Dale Christie will contact the City of Rutland to ask about potential monitoring ideas (pedestrian counter devices)
- Dale will talk to local sign companies to get an idea of cost and design
- Michael will research the land being called the sandpit
- All members have been encouraged to explore the existing trails

Meeting Adjourned 5:55 PM

Next Meeting Scheduled (To Be Announced)