



Winooski Valley Park District

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Minutes for August 16th, 2022, Board of Trustees for Winooski Valley Park District

The meeting began at 4:34 PM. Meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Present (via Zoom): Sonja Schuyler (Jericho), Susan Gilfillan (Colchester), Erin Dupuis (Winooski), Reid Willis (Williston), David Crawford (South Burlington), Nick Warner (WVPD Executive Director) and Lauren Chicote (WVPD Operations Manager).

Guests: Robert Bristow-Johnson (40 North Cove Road resident)

Absent: Jeffery Theis (Essex),

Public Comment Period: Robert Bristow-Johnson lives at 40 North Cove Road and is at the meeting to speak to 52 North Cove Road. He has concerns about the parcel and believes that we [WVPD] should act to purchase it. Robert is going to act to purchase it if we don't have the ability to.

Agenda Changes: Remove draft camera policy, not prepared to discuss until FY24. Remove Review Alnôbaiwi lease for future meeting.

Review and Approve Minutes from previous meeting: A couple typos were edited. Reid Willis moved to approve Susan Gilfillan seconded, all in favor. Minutes unanimously approved.

Review Financial reports: Lauren reports the first month of fiscal year. Expenses outweigh income at this time. Colchester and Williston paid already. All outstanding utilities and rent from the Museum and Forest pre-school were received. Susan asked what the "other" expense was. Lauren states we received a grant from the state for the riverwalk project. All grant projects are listed as other. Expecting 20k from grants. Museum financials - Museum continues to do well with visitor ship/attendance. Last month they had more expenses than income as they paid WVPD reimbursement for utilities. The museum plans to apply for a grant to assist with collections care and organization, max grant award is \$9K. Susan states her concern about their long-term financial stability. Lauren and Nick speak to the fact that Angie [the director] has a long-term plan to get on more solid ground.

Operational Updates from Nick Warner and Lauren Chicote: Nick announces that on Sept. 13th at 1pm there will be a grand opening of Derway Cove, and the sign just went in. Other updates included the bridge at Woodside was rebuilt along with a new bench and wetland spur trail off the main loop. The stairs were rebuilt at riverwalk. Nick shows the rendering of the museum & barn and breakdown of financials of the project. The meeting with Williston Conservation about the Jacob parcel went well.

Discuss revised Draft Camera Policy: Removed from Agenda.

Report on City of Essex WVPD membership: Membership in WVPD is being considered by

the city of Essex, they vote in Nov. They see the value and the meeting with Nick went well. Their portion of the payment would be \$25k-26k.

Review Alnôbaiwi lease: Removed from the agenda.

Discuss FY24 budget goals: Removed from the agenda.

Executive Session: Susan Gilfillan made a motion to move into executive session to discuss real estate matters that the premature disclosure could potentially damage WVPD. Dave Crawford seconds. All in favor.

Reid Willis made the motion to move out of executive session, Erin Dupuis seconds. All in favor
Out of executive session at 6pm.

Adjourn: Reid Willis moved to Adjourn, Erin Dupuis Seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Next Meeting: The date for the next meeting will be September 20th, 2022, at 4:30 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by:

Erin Dupuis, WVPD Board Secretary