

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Date: April 3, 2017

Time: 6:15

Attendees:

Sean, Erika, and Aspen

Brooke

Norm

Kevin

Gene

Angus

Playground equipment footprint:

- 20 ft x 25 ft for each of the swings
- 17 ft x 17 ft for the climbing structure
- Recommended depth of playground mulch is 12" before compaction, 9" after. This is supposed to provide the best cushion for falls of over 6 feet.
- At 12" before compaction, approximately of 48 cubic yards needed, estimated \$44/cu yd. = \$2,112 plus delivery.
- At 9" before compaction, approximately 36 cubic yards of mulch, estimated \$1584 before delivery.
- At 6" before compaction, approximately 24 cubic yards of mulch, estimated \$1056 before delivery
- Need to call for actual quotes: Vermont natural ag products (East Middlebury, probably closest), Top Playground Mulch, Vermont Mulch Company
- Need to apply for a grant, have funds raised. Ben and Jerry's grant is reviewed monthly. Brooke and Erica will work on this for next meeting. <http://benandjerrysfoundation.org/vermont-community-action-teams.html>

Proposed western slope trail

- Norm and Sean brought a proposed trail map. All on an old road bed. Grade 15-18% at steepest. Whole proposal .92 mi. Part not related to Vast, .46 mi.
- Need special use permit
- Vast trail exists along part of the proposed trail, so we may not need to apply for all of the trail.
- Foot travel accepted, multiuse? Could be complicated if co-maintained with Vast
- Angus from RASTA has experience with multiuse, non-motorized, trail establishment.
 - Use international mountain biking standards of grading (10% or less)
 - Less trail maintenance
 - More welcoming to general public of all skill levels.
 - RASTA wants to create a connected Valley trail network.
 - Have a cohesive vision established with the forest service.
- Norm willing to put together the letter to the Forest Service.
- Need to know: What uses are we applying for with the special use permit?

- Decision: non-wheeled uses. The grade is too steep for general biking use (15-18% in places). In the future, there remains the possibility for making a switchback trail in the steepest section.
- For the Forest Service, have a big picture map that shows how the proposed trail connects to existing trails.
- Hiking trail standards.
- Angus has a mapping side business, could make professional maps of all our trails when we are ready.

Bagley camp area parking lot

- Total cost for a wetland permit is \$540
 - Will the committee raise the funds? Ask for the select board to budget for it next year?
 - Norm will call to find out if the trail has been approved and will be added to the official maps.
 - Need funds for buying kiosk materials
 - Sean volunteered to put together a poker fundraiser.

Next committee meeting: Monday May 8th, 2017 at 5PM