

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE NEWBOLD
OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

Newbold Town Hall 4:16 PM--4608 Apperson Drive Rhinelander, WI 54501

1. The NORC meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Cody at 4:15 PM on Thursday, January 28 at the Town of Newbold Town Hall, Rhinelander, WI 54501.
2. The meeting agenda was properly posted on all three bulletin boards in the town. The meeting postings were verified by Chairperson Cody.

Present were NORC members: Pete Cody, Braden Bayne-Allison, Kim Harron, Gail Fitzgerald, and Jackie Cody

Guest: Marcia Obukowicz


3. After Jackie Cody corrected the amount collected through October, 2020, the October 15, 2020, minutes were moved by for approval by Gail Fitzgerald and seconded by Braden Bayne-Allison. Approved.
4. The dollars collected through direct-designated donations and the tower at the course amounted to \$2,547.82 for 2020. Jodie Hess, Newbold Town Treasurer, recorded additional contributions which had not been communicated to the NORC chairperson. The direct-designated donations: \$1,275.00 and the Tower \$1,272.82.
5. Craig Nehls, Town Crew, worked two days in the fall of 2020 mulching leaves as well as mowing. Chairperson Cody was ill and could not complete the remainder of the 2020 projects.

Chairperson Cody has sent the 2021 projects list to Newbold Chairperson, Dave Kroll, and Town Clerk, Kim Gauthier. The 2021 list of projects is attached. After the Public Works Director, Mark Fetzer, reviews the list there should be communication to the NORC committee to determine what will be undertaken by the town. The committee can then determine what projects it can undertake.

One of the projects is the needed repair and staining of the park shelter and bathroom by the wooden bridge.

The map holder requested by Kim Harron was purchased and is ready for mounting this spring at the bridge park.

6. The recommendation to the town board for the 2021 tree purchase are as follows: 50 jack pines, 25 red maples, 25 white birches, and 25 balsam fir. Braden Bayne-Allison moved the purchase of 125 trees for the NORA be recommended to the town board. Seconded by Kim Harron. Approved.
Kim Harron recommended planting 25 trees more a top the gravel pit to hold the hillside.
7. The Bike Fix It Station was picked up from Bikes-N-Boards and is in the storage garage at the NORA.
John Plautz will be contacted to help in the planning and pouring of the concrete pad. Two signs will be ordered to place at the intersection of the bike trail and Ole Lake Road.

8. Chairperson Cody asked for volunteers to pull invasive species Purple Spotted Knapweed at the NORA once again. The landfill cap has the greatest concentration of that invasive species currently. Marcia Obukowicz explained while Purple Spotted Knapweed is a problem along the bike trail as well as Tansy. She encourages walkers stopping to talk about the invasive species, along the Newbold bike trail between Ole Lake Road and Lake Mildred, to also pull Tansy and Purple Spotted Knapweed. 
9. The committee does not know the level of town assistance at the NORA for 2021. The Newbold Town Chairperson has received the request for a position on the town crew dedicated to park maintenance.
10. The committee discussed the Insufficient parking on the Lake Mildred Road near the dike portion of the Newbold Bike Trail. Chairperson Cody was asked to contact the Newbold Town Chairperson requesting Public Works to plow room for winter parking. The area will need some work and signage for summer parking. It may be necessary to use the town right of way across from the gate to provide sufficient parking space.
11. Marcia Obukowicz spoke to connecting several routes—County K & N, Velvet Lake Road and County N and Fawn Lake Road extension. RASTA is interested in working on some of the connections.
12. **All committee members are encouraged to send topics for the next meeting.**
13. **Tentative Agenda Items:** Town Commitment to the NORA—Road route connections—2021 Projects for the NORCommittee
14. **Next Meeting: Thursday, March 4 at 4:15 PM at Newbold Town Hall.**
15. **Adjournment moved by Braden Bayne-Allison and seconded by Gail Fitzgerald at 5:13 PM.**

Submitted by Jackie Cody, January 28, 2021