

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021**

**Newbold Town Hall 4:15 PM--4608 Apperson Drive Rhinelander, WI 54501**

1. The NORC meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Cody at 4:20 PM on Thursday, March 4 at the Town of Newbold Town Hall, Rhinelander, WI 54501.
2. Chairperson Cody verified the meeting agenda was properly posted on the town's three bulletin boards.

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

Guests: Members of the Town Line Lake Park Citizens Group: David Walters and Dave Schmitz

Chairperson Cody introduced the two guests, David Walters and Dave Schmitz, representing a citizen group seeking to preserve the Town Line Lake Park. Both spoke to the committee about retaining the Town Line Lake Park as a county park. Oneida County Forestry Department is considering sale of eight (8) acres of the Park which would compromise it as Park serving the recreational needs of park visitors. Another idea discussed was to establish a bike trail to the nearby subdivision and possibly other trails in the area.

They requested recommendations of support from the NORC committee as well as the Newbold Town Board to retain the park acreage as is with no sale of acreage.

The Forestry Department has sent their request to sell the acreage to the full county board for a vote.

3. **Town Line Lake Park:** Following the Town Line Lake Park presentation, the committee voted unanimously to present the following recommendations to the Newbold Town Board: with the understanding, if the Newbold Town Board accepted the recommendation a letter of support would be send to the Oneida County Forestry Department and a copy to Dave Hintz, OCB Chairperson.

- a. Moved by Jackie Cody, seconded by Gail Fitzgerald:

Motion: **The Newbold Outdoor Recreation Committee supports retention of Town Line Lake Park as a county park without a sale of any park acreage.**

The second motion of support is requesting support for the eventual development of a bike trail connection to the Town Line Lake Park.

- b. Moved by Gail Fitzgerald, seconded by Jackie Cody:

Motion: **The Newbold Town Board support any efforts to build a trail from Meadow Drive area to Town Line Lake Park.**

4. **2021 Work Projects:** Discussion highlighted several of the 2021 Work Projects:
  - a. Repainting privy doors during the first warm week. Kim Gauthier will be contacted to order the unisex stencil,
  - b. Due to sign and plant damage sustained last July 4<sup>th</sup> the committee discussed having a presence of 2 committee members at the NORA in the late morning and early evening of 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year,
  - c. invasive plant eradication days and times will be announced on the FB page as well as requesting the information be posted on the town website.
  - d. The gazebo at Memorial Park is in dire need of stain this summer by town workers.

5. **Bike Fix It Station:** John Plautz will be contacted about the footings to support the bike station. The committee's next meeting will be at the NORA to determine placement of the bike station and the bike rack.

Two signs will be ordered to direct bikers from the Newbold Bike Trail to the station at the NORA.
6. **Tree Planting:** More information is needed about the delivery of trees from the Baraga Nursery before placing the order for balsam fir, jack pine, red maple, and white birch. The deciduous trees will be marked with ribbons in this year's planting.
7. **Newbold Bike Trail Parking Spaces:** The committee unanimously voted to make the following recommendation to the Newbold Town Board. The motion is made understanding Mark Fetzer will review and advise on the feasibility of allowing for parking space at the requested spots.
  - a. Gail Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Jackie Cody:

Motion: **The Newbold Outdoor Recreation Committee recommends parking space accommodations near the Bayview gate, Lake Mildred gate, and gates on the bike trail and Ole Lake Road.**
8. The committee members received the following information: Snowmobiles are using a small section of private property crossed by the bike trail. Snowmobilers were to use the adjacent swamp and not the trail through private property. David Kroll, Newbold Town Chairperson, is addressing the issue.
9. No public comment.
10. Next Meeting: April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Earth Day) at 4:15 PM at the NORA. Weather permitting the meeting will continue at the NORA or move to the town hall.
  - a. Determining bike station and bike rack locations—tree planting/volunteers, painting privy doors/volunteers
11. Adjournment moved by Gail Fitzgerald, seconded by Jackie Cody at 5 PM

Submitted by Jackie Cody

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