



# Winooski Valley Park District

**Ethan Allen Homestead**

**Burlington, Vermont 05408**

Tel: (802) 863-5744

info@wvdp.org

www.WVPD.org

Fax: (802) 865-0647



## **Minutes for February 19th, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting for Winooski Valley Park District**

The meeting began 4:30 PM.

**Present:** David Crawford (South Burlington), Tom Malinowski (Essex), Sonja Schuyler (Jericho), Nick Warner (Executive Director), John Nittler (Williston), Lauren Chicote (Programs Director).

**Absent:** Aaron Keech (Burlington), Susan Gilfillan (Colchester), Erin Dupuis (Winooski).

**January Meeting Minutes at 4:30PM:** Minutes of the January 2019 meeting were reviewed and accepted by the board.

**Public Comment Period at 4:35PM:** No members of the public were in attendance.

**Agenda Changes at 4:35 PM:** There were no changes to the agenda.

**Financial Report for EAHM at 4:40PM:** Lauren presented the financial report from the Ethan Allen Homestead Museum. The Profit & Loss Statement showed a deficit of \$3,002.65 for the calendar year driven by off the season timing of the report. The report was accepted by the trustees.

**Financial Report for WVPD:** Lauren presented the financial report from the WVPD. The current net total income was reported as \$13,509.36 for the current fiscal year with member cities and town payments coming in now. Contracted park maintenance work is now a separated line item in the budget. The report was accepted by the trustees.

**Parks and Projects Updates at 4:45 PM:** Nick gave updates for park activities to include:

- Colchester Pond Farm House: Nick talked to the board about future plans for renovation options at the farm house. Nick told the board that VHCB might be a potential source of funding for the renovations. Any renovation cannot expand the footprint of the house, work will be interior only. Nick presented a document to the board; Amendment To Grant of Development Rights and Conservation Restrictions. (See attached document). He reviewed that document with the trustees. A motion was approved to have Nick approach Ed Fitzpatrick (legal counsel) to review the amendment for the C.P.F.H. plan.
- Derway Cove Marina: Nick told the board that the FEMA grant was adjusted to ~\$60,000.00 for removal of docks, buildings, and project management at the site. The Lake Champlain Tributary Fund grant of \$38,500 was received by the WVPD for development of Derway Cove.

- **Jacob-Krantz Parcel in Williston:** Nick gave the board an update for the Williston property as it could potentially tie into Global Foundries property in Williston. Nick talked with Nathan Fiske (Site Planning Coordinator) from Global Foundries. The company has property in Williston that could become a potential access point to the Jacob-Kranz parcel. Nick let Nathan know that the WVPD would want to be on a drawing for any property division for an access point from Mountain View Road to the Jacob-Kranz property.

**Executive Session to Discuss Property Updates at 5:15PM:** It was moved to enter executive session to discuss a potential real estate acquisition. At 5:35 PM, the board approved a motion to exit executive session.

**Ethan Allen Homestead Museum Rebranding at 5:35 PM:** Nick gave the board and update from the EAHM to include an effort by the museum to include education on the Abenaki presence in the area. The museum is trying to expand the story of the history at the property. The museum is currently building the relationships with the local American Indian community for educational opportunities.

Nick talked about how the physical museum would play into any American Indian program. The EAHM has approached TruexCullins Architecture to evaluate the building for any potential improvements or upgrades to support the new program.

**Memorial Park in Winooski at 5:40 PM:** Nick and Lauren gave the planning update for Memorial Park in Winooski. This park would have access for the Winooski River.

**National Parks and Recreation Association Grant:** Lauren told the board that the City of Winooski received a \$40,000.00 grant for the creation of an open space plan in that city. She will be the point person for the WVPD with the City of Winooski. The goal of the program is to ensure all neighborhoods have access to a park or open space within a 10 minute walk. Lauren will attend a two day training session in Chattanooga, Tennessee in March as part of the grant process.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:55PM.

**Next Meeting:** The proposed date would be March 12th, 2019 at 4:30 PM. That date needs to be confirmed by Nick.

Meeting Minutes prepared by:

---

Tom Malinowski: WVPD Secretary