

Minutes – Wilton Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

October 2, 2023 – Gavin Park

Present: Ken Bishop, Mark Dailey, Kellie Milne, Andrea Glogowski (prospective new member), Steve Bederian (multi-use paths initiative member)

Absent: Chad Jerome

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Trey Bodkin to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2023, meeting. Second by Mark Dailey.

The Directors Report – There was no Director’s Report due to the resignation of current director. Ken to reach out once new Director is assigned.

Guest Steve Bederian was given an overview of the Commission’s initiatives and history by Ken Bishop.

Steve Bederian gave the Commission a presentation on the initiatives he supports. Steve was appointed to lead the paths initiative by John Lant. The main goal for the initiative is to create multi-use paths with low-stress interconnection. The initiative seeks support from the Town to provide these amenities.

Steve explained the history around the Champlain Hudson Power Express rail line and how there is space to have rail adjacent paths, including also how there is opportunity for the Town to connect to shopping, North Broadway, Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park, Camp Saratoga and beyond. There are some wetlands in Wilton and some drier areas, and much research has already been done looking into low stress routes. The initiative is in the concept stage and seeks support and/or relationships and guidance from inner-municipal allies and other allies.

Old Business:

Kellie to follow up with the Town Board on Andrea’s candidacy as a member.

The Commission discussed how they have made initial contact now with multiple organizations within the Wilton community and seek to attend other meetings, strategize on initiatives, and perhaps have a wider meeting attending by multiple groups and hosted by the Commission.

Ken to contact his son's contacts at NYS Government (Kristin Gillibrand).

The Commission seeks to be more involved in the events and happenings in Gavin Park by building a relationship with the new Director once appointed.

Chad Jerome's task update will be moved to next meeting due to absence.

Mark's overview and contact with Veteran's group moved to next meeting.

New Business:

Mark's update on the Trails Committee meeting he attended revealed that our Commission should have a member attend this meeting on a regular basis. There were important discussions around partnerships and trails initiatives.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2023

Adjourn: A motion was made by Trey Bodkin to adjourn at 7:59pm, second by Kellie Milne.

Respectfully submitted:

Kellie Milne