

**ROCOR (ROXBURY COMMITTEE ON OUTDOOR RECREATION)**  
**2/12/25 Minutes-Draft**

**Present:** Ben Pincus, Rene Bouchard, Robert Ketchel, Erik Wardle, Heidi Albright, Debra Rogler

**Absent:** Andy Apgar, Kahwa Douoguih, Skip Martin, Bill Hansen

**Public Attendees:** None

**Time:** 6:08-7:15pm

**Minute taker:** Debra Rogler

**Timekeeper:** Robert Ketchel

**Approval of Minutes:** 7/17/24 Approved 6-0-0

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**1. Discussion of Master Plan (review draft guidelines)**

Due to the significant changes occurring in Roxbury (school closure/ what to do with building), the committee decided to review and revamp the draft guidelines once again. Ben agreed to revise guidelines and send out a new draft to all members for review. No date for completion was given.

**2. Official Committee vs ROCOR Club**

The committee again agreed that there were benefits to remaining as an official committee rather than becoming a club. The reasons given were the same as was discussed in the July 17, 2024 meeting (more clout, already organized).

**3. Vermont Community Rural Development (VCRD)**

Debra agreed to be available to discuss ROCOR's findings and accomplishments to date during the Green Spaces discussion on 2/18/25

**4. Gear Lending Library-** on hold until we know what sports equipment will be left after the buyback of the Roxbury school and whether a space in the school building will be made available for storage and lending. Debra proposed that someone start the research for possible equipment donations (company/private) and touch base with other existing Gear Lending Libraries to understand how they all work. No takers for this proposal. Ryan, Roxbury Free Library, librarian has already agreed that this was a good idea, however without a space to store or equipment, it is in limbo. Heidi volunteered to touch base with Ryan to see if anything has changed.

**5. Winter Outing -(Snowshoe/Ski)** inventory of the beaver pond off of the Warren Road has been scheduled for 2/25 or 26, weather & snow condition dependent. To be lead by Bob Ketchel. Time to be determined.

**6. Velomont-** Ben met with Angus McCusker Executive Director of the Velomont Trail & Hut systems. The Velomont Trail is a mountain biking route proposed to go from MA to Canada, when finished, using Class 4 roads, gravel, paved, shared use roads. Ben will clarify whether they plan to cross over into Roxbury. The possibility of a feeder trail from Roxbury was an proposed by Rene.

**7. Roxbury State Forest Management Plan-**Rene reported that work was begun ( fall 2024). Two assessments (Forest inventory & ecological ) have been completed however the list is long, expected to take 2-3 years.

**8. Third Branch Park-** an addition of a parking lot was not approved by the Selectman due to fear of possible nefarious activities. The remaining debris pile left from the 2024

park cleanup should be disposed of. Debra will contact Tammy Legacy, Town Clerk , in the early spring requesting removal in the spring by the town road crew.  
All other items were tabled, no future meeting was scheduled until a need is identified.  
Meeting adjourned @ 7:15pm