

Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes - Monday, August 11, 2025

In Attendance: Apryl Blood, Scott Blasingame, Ericka Carr, Alfred Hanson (selectboard rep), Sharon Nicosia, and Buzz Whalen.

Missing: Tim Blagden

Meeting minutes approved from 5/12/25.

Treasurer Update:

Revolving Account Balance is \$ 8269.78 (8/11/25)

Board Positions:

The Board approved two new board members: Sharon Nicosia (board member), and Buzz Whalen (Secretary).

Selectboard representative role on the commission was discussed and a common understanding was confirmed.

We discussed the hiring concerns about open positions and the lack of hires with qualified candidates applying. Alfred will look into this.

Budget:

We reviewed the current list of budget items, and went over updated costs and outstanding costs still to be received.

We will price out other sign vendors for sign replacement for comparison. We also spent time discussing the re-vised rink we want for low maintenance. Sharon and Buzz are looking into other models and cost, including a current liner price. The original rink at Riverside was made of plywood, but we want to check out plastic "kits" that will be easier to setup. Alfred is in support of brining the rink back that was cut by the Budget Committee from our budget this year.

We discussed about park fees moving forward and with costs going up, translating the cost to the programs we receive funds from. We discussed raising the Co-Ed Softball league fee per team from \$200 to \$250, and the Kearsarge Wildcats park use at Riverside from \$1000 to \$1500 per season.

Our Budget Presentation Meeting with Selectboard & Budget Committee is Thursday, Nov. 20, 7pm Town Hall. Will anticipate having the final proposed budget to the Selectboard/Administrator by end of September.

Bagley Park:

Snack shack and warming hut repairs may be completed this season.

Riverside Park:

Skateboard Park mural is complete and looks great. The HS came out and completed the first sections of the skate park mural. The principal was there along with other support staff the day of creation. Stop down and check it out. It was a success and we look forward to incorporating other sides with the Art program.

UPDATE: Still no date for this. Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing been confirmed for work to be completed of adding additional pickle ball court lines. We will also get an

estimate for when re-surfacing should be in the budget and fixing the crack currently in the basketball court.

Kearsarge Wildcats will be at the park for the 2025 season, starting in August.

Silver Lake:

We still need to check in with Public Works to confirm Silver Lake aerator is working adequately, and if need any more muck pellets.

Rake and drag the beach again this fall to help clean up pine needles.

Other Business:

It was brought to our attention that the town is testing the water and have posted on the private beach of Pleasant Pond. It was discussed how to address this, and we have drafted a letter and will email it to the Selectboard, Town Administrator, and Health Officer to relay the correct process for water testing. The town can not test, nor post water quality signs on a privately owned beach area. This private beach area is owned by Pleasant Pond Cooperative, Inc. The health officer had already reached out to NHDES regarding being added to the same Beach program we are in, and we will help coordinate that still, but that will have to be done by the owners, not the town.

Important Dates:

Paint the Dugouts: TBD

Adopt-A-Highway Date: set a fall date_____.

Opening Day youth Sports: Completed

Co-Ed Softball: Completed

WYSA Fall Soccer: To start in August at Bagley Field.

Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month moving forward, therefore the following dates: 4/14, 5/12, summer break, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10(if needed)

Next Meeting – ** Monday, 9/8 @7pm location Town Hall – Outside at Café One East**

Weather Permitting****