

Wallingford Recreation Committee

Minutes

April 13, 2023

Committee members present: David Cornwell, Sumio Seo, Raven Crispino & Shannon Pytlik

Members Missing: Brian Ferguson

Public present: Mark Noble

- 1) Approve Minutes 3/9/23 – Motion by Sumio, seconded by David, to approve the minutes from 3/9/23.
- 2) Public Comment – Mark is concerned about the fence on the baseball cage. It may be able to be fixed by burying it or replacing the fence. The fence is now sticking out and there are sharp ends of the fence sticking up that is a hazard.

3) Basketball - installation planning

Dale Lincoln is willing to do the install and Wayne Jones -welder may help with any fixings we need.

Wayne Jones said he could fabricate any adapter brackets we might need to do the install and would make them for a reduced rate. Dale will be using scaffolding to make the job safe. Wayne Jones has scaffolding we can use for free as long as it is returned in a timely manner. Each will be under the threshold for needing selectboard approval.

Sumio will meet with Dale and work out the details on installation.

4) Questionnaire results & discussion

- Ideas for upcoming recreation programs
 - Intro to meditation – going to happen without town involvement due to insurance requirement for a meditation class
 - Pickleball – instructor does not have insurance and town insurance won't cover them
 - Outdoor movies – will we need liability waivers for this also?
 - Everything is on hold until we figure out the insurance waiver.
 - Liability Insurance: Sandy's guidance from VLCT's on the insurance requirements:

From Sandy – VLCT recommended the Town get releases from participants for activities created by the Town and liability insurance certificates with the Town named as additional insured from outside organizations, such as Rutland County Little League and the woman who would be running pickleball. Any program the Town/Rec Committee runs....Art classes, nature walks, drop-in sports should require releases. I specifically followed up with Vicky Abare from VLCT this morning with your questions...and she said “yes” for releases on the above programs you mentioned in your email – Art classes, nature walks, drop-in sports.

The group discussed how there are different levels of risk associated with different activities. We wonder how outdoor movies and the ongoing music series will be treated. We don't know if the musicians provide liability insurance but current attendees don't sign waivers, why would this be different for an art class. What about the pollinator group? It seems there needs to be some reasonable activities that can occur without signing a waiver.

Sumio and David will attend the Selectboard meeting and try to get clear guidance on this. It will be more challenging to get activities going with these requirements, and we worry the liability waiver will deter people from participating. It is more work to do business this way since we can't have casual drop in activities. Everyone will need to carry around liability forms and have a station for people to sign them. Who will do this work and how will the paperwork be managed? This seems like more reason to get a Rec Director.

Shannon contacted Pittsford and they do require insurance and waivers for instructors that are outside of the town rec, but do not require them to drop in sports. The Rec Director handles all of the paperwork and communication with VLCT.

5) Schedule Field, Beach & Concession Stand Clean Up Day

RCLL is having a clean up on April 22nd starting at 8 AM. We will buy the following materials to help clean up the park:

- A gallon of red and a gallon of blue paint – unless the town already has some?
- 2 - 2" by 6" by 10' PT boards to fix the fence
- 2 – 5/4" by 6" by 10' PT boards for the benches
- Tops for the fence – with the loop in them on amazon

We picked a second clean up day May 20th to clean up the beach. . We will see if the CC wants to collaborate to see if people will also come clean up Stone Meadow.

There are two swings at town hall and the bulletin board for us to install. We should grab these before the clean up day so we can install them.

Shannon will make signs advertising the clean up day to put around the park.

6) Baseball

- o Scholarships – budget update
- o Concession stand scheduling
- o No update on scholarships or concessions.

7) Memorial Day Parade

Mark Loseby has confirmed rain day access with the school district. Any word on traffic control?

Things to do before next meeting:

- David – contact traffic control
- Shannon – contact town constable Robert Cook
- Brian – Contact fire department

8) Elfin Lake Beach

- o Erosion Study update- meeting 5:30 on May 9th
- o Maintenance Update
 - o Garage door – Sandy is looking into this getting quote for replacement.
 - o Windows – Shannon will contact code person to come look at the windows
 - o Block wall erosion – Shannon will contact Tommy Jones she hasn't heard back yet

9) 5k course update – Selectboard approved of the course.

10) New Business

- a. Dog Park – Raven will take this on and we will add this to the next agenda.

11) Next Meeting Agenda Building

- Memorial Day Parade Planning
- Dog Park - what about next to Family Dollar or next to the tennis court
- Review Questionnaire results
- Water at the back – review background info on water at the park

12) Adjourn 6:45 – went to park to look at baseball dugout in need of repair.

Approved 05/11/23