

Wallingford Recreation Committee Meeting

Minutes October 12, 2023

Committee members present – Daid Cornwell, Brian Ferguson & Shannon Pytlik

Public present – Mark Noble

Meeting was called to order by David at 5:30

Approve Minutes from September – Motion by Brian, seconded by Shannon, to approve the minutes from September as written. Motion passed by consensus.

Public Comment – Mark is interested in joining the rec committee.

Budget Update - Rec reviewed the budget update from Julie. The Meadow St security system was approved by the selectboard to come out of last year's budget, but it did not. The security system came out of this year's budget.

The maintenance line is negative due to the security system and the expense from the clogged toilet at Elfin Lake bathroom over the summer (see below ytd expenses)

Last winter rec proposed 5k for the maintenance line item. The Selectboard cut the line to \$2500 but said Rec would have access to the building fund for additional expenses.

8:38 AM

09/18/23

Accrual Basis

Town of Wallingford Account QuickReport

July 1 through September 18, 2023

Date	Name	Memo	Amount
RECREATION EXPENSES			
5805 - Maintenance			
07/18/2023	Amazon Capital Ser...	Electrical Box for Rec Field Security System Invoice #1RXG-HHQ1-TX...	65.99
07/18/2023	LaValley Building Su...	Lock Set & Keys for Lake Invoices #RV2090999 & 2090831	31.04
07/18/2023	Bill Lohsen Plumbin...	Service Call for Clogged Toilet at Lake Invoice #20210	119.56
07/31/2023	Town of Wallingford	J. Regula Replaced Lock on Bathroom	27.45
08/08/2023	Wallingford Fire Dist...	Quarterly Water & Sewer Invoice #25362	106.50
08/08/2023	LaValley Building Su...	Fence Post Replacement Invoice #RV2097061	15.99
08/08/2023	Amazon Capital Ser...	4 Dome Security Cameras & Network Video Recorder Invoice #1Q6Q-...	596.45
08/08/2023	Pockette Pest Control	Elfin Lake Invoice #27864 & 28246	120.00
09/06/2023	A-1 Sewer & Drain S...	Pumped Septic & Snaked Sewer Lines 6/28 & 8/11 Invoices #078912 ...	1,810.00
09/06/2023	Bill Lohsen Plumbin...	8/11 Service Call for Clogged Toilet at Lake Invoice #20669	119.56
Total 5805 - Maintenance			3,012.54
Total RECREATION EXPENSES			3,012.54
TOTAL			3,012.54

Sandi and Bruce ordered some climbing equipment between meetings. We don't know what budget line they plan to use for the equipment.

Meadow St Recreation Area

- Flood Damage
 - Baseball Field damage
 - South field - needs to be reconstructed
 - Estimate 10 loads Clay & base reset
 - North field
 - 1/2 Load of clay but not as bad
 - Softball field
 - 1/2 Load of clay but not as bad
- Need to invite the RCLL to discuss the maintenance of the baseball fields. We don't know what FEMA will cover for baseball field damage.
- Other Meadow St maintenance needs - Sandy sent a list of needs based on VCLT's inspection.
- Mulch was delivered to Meadow St park for the area under the rec equipment and needs to be spread. David told Sandy this was difficult to get completed with such a small committee.

Brian will see if any kids at his school want to spread the mulch for volunteer hours.

- Security system seems to be working OK. Shannon Showed Jill how to use it.

2) Elfin Lake Rec Area - Tabled

3) Water at the park update:

- The first step to installing the water was digging the hole to expose the water line. The road crew dug the hole where Chris Hayes had spray-painted the water line location. The road crew dug down about 7' but did not find the line where it was said to be. The water district came out while the hole was open and still thought it should be there based on the reading, but after reviewing the entire area with the water turned on said they were also getting readings in other locations. Given the engineers uncertainty about where the water line was located, after being told it was where they spraypainted, the road crew filled in the hole and stopped looking. The area needs to be seeded.
- The good news is the water line worked fine and there was no leak, but the fixture is broken and doesn't turn off anymore.
- Rec will suggest we change the spigot on the existing line and use what we already have. The reason we didn't pursue this in the past was someone said there was a break in the line, but the water district ran the water for a long time and there was no evidence of a leak. Another concern expressed about the existing line was proximity to basketball court, but the water was turned on for many years in that location and we are not aware of any past damage to the court.

4) Insurance Requirement – The group discussed how Rec seems to be the only group required to get proof of insurance and waivers. This requirement makes it nearly impossible to offer affordable rec programs. We tried to offer a meditation class but had to cancel as a town offering because the instructor did not have liability insurance. We had the same insurance issue for pickleball and painting. The group discussed how

for the music series the bands move equipment in and out of upstairs and are not required to provide insurance for their events. Neither are the moving nights, or the green up day.

New Rec Member Interest - Motion by Brian, seconded by David, to recommend Mark Nobe for one of the vacant recreation committee seats. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Rec Options

- Ballroom dancing – Shannon updated the group that the instructor wanted to use upstairs on Monday nights. Sandy stated between meetings that Bruce didn't want the dance class to occur during selectboard meeting. Sandy was in contact with the dance instructor and tried to work out a schedule – which may end up being some Mondays and some Thursdays.
- There were no ideas for additional programs at this time.

Next Meeting Agenda Building

- Upcoming VOREC grant- Shannon will attend training and find out what is eligible.
- Baseball field clean up – invite RCLL to meet to discuss the field reconstruction.
- Ongoing maintenance needs – Meadow St and Lake – we need to create a master list for each area for budget time.
- Start working on budget – especially for maintenance needs at the rec areas.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30