

Wallingford Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024, 5:30 PM

Committee members: Shannon Pytlik, Mark Noble, & Sandra Hochberg

Members missing: Brian Ferguson & David Cornwell

Public Present: Heather Johnson

David was not at the meeting so Shannon called the meeting to order at 5:34

Approve agenda: Approved by consensus.

Public comment: None

Approve minutes: Minutes from 02/08/24 – Approved by consensus.

Discuss grant opportunity - Arts & Community Spaces Flood Recovery and Resilience grants

The group discussed applying for the grant to cover the match on the FEMA reimbursement for the flood damage, as well as a for a mural on the storage shed and at least one community event.

We will get an estimate for a mural from the artist that did the sunflower mural on the beach building. We would like to offer breakfast in the park with local food. We could have bacon from the locker, muffins and croissants from the Bakery. Food always draws people in.

We discussed the idea of a Saturday morning event – breakfast and games at the park, maybe opening the soccer field depending on the timing?

Budget for field repair for the FEMA reimbursement:

Item	cost
4 loads of clay	\$3200
Phil Baker trucking the clay	Cost?
Justin Filskov excavation	Cost?
Labor	Donated
Refrigerator	\$500
Baseball bases	\$1,000
Anything else?	??

Questions for Sandy about FEMA:

- Would FEMA cover the based that washed away? (apx \$1,000)
- Would FEMA cover a refrigerator that flooded in the storage shed?

We think the total repair cost of the field damage would be approximately 5k and there is a 25% match.

We will plan to apply for the match from the above noted grant (\$1,250), and include in the overall budget for that grant the mural and a community event. We discussed purchasing equipment for an outdoor movie, but there is the complication of paying for the copywrite to play the movies. We will need to look into it more.

Item	Cost	Description
Match for FEMA funding	\$1250	Matching funds for the baseball field repairs of approximately 5k
Mural	??	Will get quote
Food: Breakfast supplies for community breakfast – bacon, baked goods, coffee, juice and fruit Snacks for movie night including popcorn and juice	\$700 \$200	Buy local at the Bakery and the Locker
Outdoor Movie: Projector Outdoor screen Glow in dark supplies	\$500 \$200 \$200	2 movies over the summer – one with glow in the dark supplies
Copywrite for 2 movies	\$600	Estimate depends on the movie
Total for grant application:	APX 5k	Need more info just estimate

The group discussed feedback from a community member that the Meadow St park is not welcoming – they provided feedback that the park is cluttered with negative signs. The rec group thought it would look better to have one sign to cover all of the liability, so we don't have a mismatch of signs cluttering the park.

The group discussed the 4/1 meeting with the Selectboard to update them on our plans for the coming years. Items to discuss include:

Task	Date
Clean up days	April 6 & 23
Repair fields	April / May
Repair water at park	Spring/Summer
Other Meadow St maintenance – See list below	Ongoing
Beach work day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repair volley ball net - Rake beach - Clean out the garage – get rid of the wood in there? - Hire contractor for the paining the drip edge that is rotting (apx \$500) 	May
Adding a soccer field	Summer

Meadow St park maintenance needs from Wade of VCLT:

Item	Completed / Notes
~Erect a sign with playground rules.	
~ 3 to 4 low hanging limbs should be removed.	Ask Sandi
~ Concrete footings on both corner benches are exposed and should be covered by wood chips. (again the flood aggravated this).	Completed
~ Tot swings and regular swings may be a little too high. He'll double check the regulation height.	What is height supposed to be?
~ Add new surface material. Also, re-edge the grass.	Completed
~ Smaller playground slide has a few surface cracks at the bottom where you get off the slide. They are fine for now, but eventually will need attention.	Monitor
~ A handful of screws on the skateboard ramp should be tightened.	Ask Sandi
~ Cement blocks someone brought over to the skateboard area should be removed.	Completed
~ The walkway near the old water spigot is becoming a bit compromised.	Hole was filled in will check walkway

~ Chain link fence is not attached in a few areas to the post and some of the end caps are missing.

Gave Sandi parts ask about work could do on work day (s)

- Plan for work day April 6th & 27 at Meadow St Park
 - Work day may be questionable weather wise. We will have one 4/6 but plan to advertise a second work day for the public on 4/27.
 - Make advertisements including cleaning up the baseball fields and picking up trash, put on FPF and newsletter.
 - April 27th – Second clean up day to advertise to public
- Rec program budget line item & Donations
 - SOCCER: Approve the purchase of the replacement nets, spray paint to line the fields, anchors/spikes and soccer balls. The group agreed to spend up to \$200 approved by consensus. Sandra will post to the FPF to ask if anyone wants to claim the soccer goal frames. If not, we will use them to set them up at the park to have drop-in soccer. Shannon showed the baseball & softball fields and outfields showing space for a small soccer field.



Above: Aerial view of Meadow St Park with baseball field outfield.

Rectangle is a small U12 sized soccer field.

- CHESS: Sandra reached out to Green Mountain Neighbors. Someone may be interested in running a chess league. We may also ask Jordan Jankus to see if he will help since he has been involved in other game events around. We will start by offering a 4-6 weeks drop in see how it goes. We will use some chess boards from home.
- WATER AT PARK: The group discussed water at the park backup plan which is a vandal proof water spicket that can be tuned off at the curb. Shannon will ask Lohsen for a quote.
- Liability insurance as it relates to new Rec programs
 - The group reviewed the latest round of guidance from VCLT.
- Future Rec Ideas
 - chess night – working on that will be discussed on 4/1/24
 - drop in pickle ball – discuss in Spring will need to figure out instructor
 - walking group – getting a fair amount of people
 - Summer movie – look up what we can play for free – We can ask Jordan
 - Drop in soccer
- Meet with Lawrie and see what she needs for summer camp
 - Maybe a volley ball net and supplies
 - Outdoor ping pong table – maybe for camp?
 - Volley ball – the net at the beach always seems to be broken maybe we need to purchase a higher quality net?
- Next Meeting Agenda Building
 - Come alive outside - Arwen wants to purchase boats for us to rent that would accommodate
- Adjourn at 7 PM

Approved 04/11/24