

**Wallingford Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2024, 5:30 PM**

Committee members: Shannon Pytlik, Mark Noble, Brian Ferguson & David Cornwell

Members missing: Sandra Hochberg

Public Present: Heather Johnson, Arwen Turner

Call meeting to order – Shannon called the meeting to order at 5:30.

**Reorganize – elect chair, vice chair and secretary**

Chair – Motion by Brian, seconded by David, to nominate Shannon for chair.

Vice Chair – Motion by Shannon, seconded by Brian, to nominate Mark as the vice chair.

Secretary – Motion by Marc, seconded by Shannon, to nominate David to be secretary. Brian will be the back up secretary.

Motion carried by consensus.

**Approve agenda – Agenda approved by consensus.**

**Public comment – none.**

**Approve minutes from 03/14/24 - Approved by consensus.**

**Come Alive Outside – meet with Arwen to discuss equipment for Elfin Lake**

Arwen introduced her organization, Come Alive Outside (CAO). CAO purchased some kayaks and paddle boards last year for the public to use. The current process is people contact CAO and staff loan them to people which isn't efficient, and they don't get used much. If Wallingford agreed to house the boats at Elfin Lake, then people could rent them, and the town could keep the rental money. CAO could also pay for people to use the boat for the first hour, up to a certain dollar threshold. Some people may have a financial hurdle and covering the cost for the rental would help get more people outside.

The kayaks CAO purchased are sit on top for weights up to 450 lbs. Arwen could also purchase more boats if we needed them. The group discussed the paddle boat and thought it may be taking on water. CAO has larger life vests to accommodate larger bodies.

Arwen could also help with some advertising, like a sign to put on the kayaks. Some people may not know we have boats.

If we were going to have the CAO boats at Elfin we would need users to sign a liability waiver. Kayak lessons? Would we be interested in having a kayak lesson for new people? Arwen would be willing to offer the lessons to small groups.

CAO would also consider offering events in Wallingford like Saturday morning yoga.

Arwen mentioned a grant for a sunscreen dispenser. It is free but is due on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The rec committee will take inventory of our boats and look at garage space when we have a workday and get back to Arwen about her generous offer.

### **Arts & Community Spaces Flood Recovery and Resilience grant due 4/16/24**

Grant has been submitted for the FEMA match, the community breakfast, movie night and mural.

### **Memorial Day Parade Planning -**

Ask Sandi about:

- Online registration – can she put something on FPF asking people to email her and register, like last year?
- Traffic control contact constable and sheriff - can we get the same set up as last year for traffic control?

Shannon will reach out to Peter Roach about the band's needs. The past two years there have been cars on the road when the band comes out of the cemetery to head north. It seems stopping traffic a second time doesn't work. We think to keep the kids safe after the band gets to the cemetery they need to come back on the sidewalk. We will ask Peter what the needs are for the second ceremony at the little park on Rt 7 and can it be done with a few band members? The band can play the way they usually do to the exit of the cemetery and then disassemble and walk north to the small park, or the sheriff could cross the band to Florance Avenue where the bus is normally located.

Brian will ask Mark Losby at the legion about planning for parade.

### **Meadow St park maintenance needs**

- Discuss Water at the park. The group discussed the plan for installing a fixture where the water currently is. The selectboard supported this plan and Julie confirmed we still have the \$1200 to spend on the water. The rec committee approved purchasing a cast iron outdoor water spigot column that can be bolted to a cement base in an amount up to \$400.

- Things to do for water:
  - We need to ask plumbers for quotes and order the fixture.
  - Order the spigot from amazon
  - David - Follow up with the water district about not charging for the water

Discuss Consolidation of Signs – wait until Sandra is around

We would like a dog poop clean up station at Meadow Street Park. We will look into options.

### **Update on baseball field maintenance needs & FEMA insurance**

Quotes for baseball field material

Company	Cost/ton	color	price/truck	notes
Hadeka Castleton	43/ton	gray	645	15 ton/dump truck
Hadeka Castleton	53/ton	red	795	Jay Webster trucked material last time
Hampton NY	36.75/ton	black		
Hampton NY	57.75/ton	red		

Mark will go look at the material in person this week and decide what the best product is. The board agreed by consensus to let Mark pick the best material based on the visit, up to the 53/ton.

Trucking for material - Phil is on vacation. Maybe the road crew could haul the material?

Ask Sandi if we can get on the agenda to discuss purchase and trucking of material.

Labor – Landscaper was willing to volunteer to fix the north field.

### **Rec program budget line item & Donations**

Soccer purchases – we have the items to install on workday.

Get paint from LaValley where we have an account and we are tax free. Purchase 12 cans of white and some orange paint for workday.

### **Future Rec Ideas**

- chess night
- walking group
- Community potluck – summer beach potluck
- Drop in:
  - Baseball
  - Ultimate
  - Soccer – Wednesday start in May?
  - Pickle ball

### **Other**

- Shack door jamb may need to be replaced it seems easy to open. We will look at it on clean up day.
- Window also opens easily – we need way to lock it better.
- Hospital may have a fridge to donate – Sean Brothers mentioned it
- Will meet every two weeks from now on until we get into Summer
  - Next meeting will be at park so we can plan for the workday - April 25<sup>th</sup> at the park
- We need to schedule workday for the lake – when does it open? Around fathers day?

### **Next Meeting Agenda Building**

- dog poop clean up station at Meadow Street Park
- workday planning and purchases
- doors for fence at park – measure and determine estimated price
- Flood Grant – update

- CAO boat offer – update
- Water at park – update
- Schedule lake clean up day
- Estimate for painting drip edge on lake building

**Adjourn at 7:09**

**Minutes Approved 0808/24**