

**Wallingford Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2024 6:00 PM**

Committee members present: Shannon Pytlik, Sandra Hochberg, David Cornwell, Brian Ferguson & Mark Noble.

- Call meeting to order 6:00
- Approve agenda – Agenda approved by consensus.
- Public comment - none
- Approval of minutes from October 17<sup>th</sup> - Minutes from Oct 17<sup>th</sup> approved by consensus.
- BUDGET Planning. The group reviewed the budget from the last few years. The group discussed the option of having some flexibility in the budget to offer an extended season – like Memorial Day to Labor Day at least on weekends and when staff is available. It would also be good to have the flexibility to have a lifeguard sometimes when the town thinks it will be busy, and they are available. The budget came in 3k under budget this past year so we probably could have had a lifeguard for part of the summer.

The proposed budget is as follows:

<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Proposed 25-26 BUDGET</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>5801 · Elfin Lake Salaries</b>	10,000	Extend season, at least for weekends and have option for lifeguard at busy times or when camp is not in session.
<b>5901 · Summer Recreation Salaries</b>	Camp	
<b>5803 · Telephone</b>	250	
<b>5804 · Electric</b>	250	
<b>5805 · Maintenance</b>	10,000	We have a lot of deferred maintenance and need to start putting some money into the facilities.
<b>5806 · Portable Restroom</b>	1500	
<b>5807 · Field Trips</b>	Camp	
<b>5808 · Lake Supplies</b>	500	
<b>5809 · Recreation Supplies</b>	Camp	
<b>5810 · Lake Concessions</b>	1400	
<b>5812 · Mowing</b>	3000	
<b>5814 · Youth Sports</b>	500	
<b>5816 · Wallingford Day</b>	2000?	We should ask WD what they suggest
<b>5817 · Recreation Programs</b>	500	
<b>Total RECREATION: (minus camp)</b>	<b>29,900</b>	

For this year we may use the youth sports line to create an outdoor skating rink at the Meadow St Park. We think we could do it for under \$500. Mark has a pump we will get the water from the river.

Camp scheduling – We will suggest the town work with MRU to determine when their summer camp will be, so we don't compete for campers and end up with low enrollment. Our camp should fill in where there are no affordable camps available in the area. That is the best service to the taxpayers.

- Town Report Submission – Due 12/12 – David did it last year and will do it again.
- Meadow Street Recreation Area
  - Baseball Field work – Mark has a tractor with a power rake on the back being delivered. Will do it before January. FEMA reimbursement – work needs to be completed by 1/14/25
  - Work needed at the park:
    - Remove trees growing along parking lot fence
    - Get rid of scoreboard or fix it?
    - Clean up around the tennis court
    - Clean up junk behind the dugout
    - Clean out both sheds
  - The group discussed whether we can have help with some of these tasks, especially when we need a machine maybe the road crew can help us. We will inquire when we meet with the Selectboard.
- Flood Grant - Plan for Community Breakfast and Field Clean up  
We are reconsidering having the cleanup and the breakfast the same day. We will have cleanup April 26, 2025. We will plan the community breakfast for the following week and call it a “season opener” maybe May 3<sup>rd</sup>?
- Trails grant – There is a grant due 12/3 we don't have time to apply for it. Would be good to work with CC On trails.
- Future Rec Ideas
  - Chess night planning for winter 2025 – Sandra did hear from one person who is willing to volunteer. She will ask Julie to post a volunteer advertisement on the town Facebook page and the town newsletter.
  - Drop in pickle ball / soccer / baseball/ basketball etc – work on in the Spring.
  - Community potluck – summer beach potluck for 2025 – work on in the Spring.
- Meeting Agenda Building for remaining of 2024 meetings:
  - December 12th
- Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM