

Wallingford Recreation Committee Meeting

February 24, 5:00 PM

Town Hall

Members present: Shannon Pytlik, Sandra Hochberg, David Cornwell & Mark Noble.

Public present: Sean Brothers, Allen Rumril (RCLL), Mary Griffin, Linda Arsenault

Shannon called the meeting to order 5:00

Agenda approved by consensus.

Public comment: Mary Giffin is interested in seeing more floats in the Memorial Day parade.

The committee thinks this is a great idea. We will put out, on FPF and other resources, of possible ideas and then links to a form for anyone who wants to be in the parade to complete, including floats.

Mary: Possible floats include the alumni of Wallingford schools, POW/MIA Table, School PTA, etc? Parades were larger in the past.

- Minutes from Jan 16th approved by consensus
- Baseball – use of fields
Sean Brothers and Allen Rumrill (President of Rutland County Little League)

Mark will create a schedule for field use. We hope it can be on the town webpage and viewable to all. Mark will see when RCLL is using the fields and work around it for his coaching of Mill River team. We need to make sure that games are scheduled to avoid conflicts. Mark asked to have games scheduled after the Memorial Day parade this year.

We want to make sure that everyone has access to these public spaces. Mark will coordinate with the school and RCLL and other organizations to make sure field use works. Mark said RCLL is on two fields this year

No word on softball Shannon will contact Mill River Rec to ask if they plan to use the fields.

4/26 workday at Meadow St Park. We need to spread clay on the south field.

Allen offered to gather volunteers. Mark mentioned we have a grader; folks need to use the grader after it rains to smooth the field back out.

Allen offered to help and asked what we needed. We may need donations of lumber for batting cage and/or a load of material yearly.

Shannon mentioned if Mill River will use our fields, they need to contribute to the upkeep of the fields.

General discussion around Rec priorities/programming

- Ice Skating Rink

We have plastic, need wood. If the weather is cold, perhaps we can assemble it. Looks like some very warm days coming. We will buy materials and if we can't do it this year, we will start earlier next year.

- Discuss revised bylaws. David suggested changes Shannon will incorporate

- Field Clean up – April 26, 2025

Market on FPF, Wallingford Standard, to gather volunteers

- Community Breakfast at Rec Park = 5/3 (also Green Up Day)

- Sweet Birch for Baked Goods
- Shannon has outdoor yoga set up for 8:30
- Pickup games/activities
- Mark: Possibly buy a grill (Blackstone?) or future use/fundraising opportunities?
- Coordinate with the Conservation Committee regarding passing out trash bags/Green Up Day

- Next Meeting Agenda Building

Water at Park – Shannon was contacted by Wallingford Day to ask if water would be on his summer. Shannon has worked every angle she can think of and most recently tried to get the existing spicket replaced where it is. The selectboard turned this down due to the proximity to the basketball fields. It is in the selectboards hands at this point we are not sure what else we can do. How can we get this to happen since so many people want water at the park? We will ask to get back on selectboard agenda to discuss a new plan. We may need to run a new line under the road from the hydrant since no one can locate the existing line.

- Adjourn at 6 PM