

Wallingford Recreation Committee  
3/20/25 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: David, Brian, Shannon, Sanda, Mark

Members of public present: Heather Johnson, Sean Brothers (RCLL), Allen Rumril (RCLL)

Minutes taken by David Cornwell

Meeting called to order at 5:02

Appoint new Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary.

David: Motion that Shannon continues as Chair. Brian seconded. All in favor.

Brian: Motion that Mark serves as Vice Chair. Second by David. Agreed by consensus.

Secretary: David agreed to serve for 1 year in this role. Agreed by consensus.

Public Comment:

Heather: Questions from Wallingford Day Subcommittee:

- 1) Can one day vendors hang their signs on the fence at the park? Yes.
- 2) Is there a place where one can/can't drive on the field? Not on infield of ball fields. Discussion of possible soft spots. Suggested contacting Fire District. Not aware of any hazards/places where things could be damaged.
- 3) Bouncy House? Yes. Need insurance. Suggested waivers for participation. Suggested that they reach out to Sandy.
- 4) Can they shut down Meadow Street? Safety concern – need to be able to get a fire truck down the road to south field/lot. Yes, we're supportive. Need permission from Select Board. Suggested that they make parking in the park itself for those with handicapped tags. Possible loop for drop off only. Discussed warning residents of the Meadow Street and concerns around where to park as well as traffic control/direction.

Discussed asking Wallingford Day Subcommittee to come to Select board to discuss possible plan around water at park/voice their support.

Next item: Ball field discussion re: scheduling and use by different organizations.

RCLL representatives shared a concern around a schedule being made and practice times already being blocked off for 5-6 grade MRU boys team before they could schedule games (considered a priority over practices by all involved).

Discussion ensued around various resources different teams/organizations (MRU vs RCLL), past usage, how to populate a schedule equitably and how to simplify effective communication between all interested parties. Discussion around who should be doing the scheduling (coaches vs those higher up at MRU). Concerns were shared around how the fields were left in the past after different groups used them (maintenance concerns). Question around softball happening and their field use. Shannon shared that she had not heard from MRU folks in response to her questions raised via email.

Agreed:

- 1) RCLL would meet with Rec Committee after they have finalized their rosters. This will be on 4/3 at 5PM at our next Rec meeting. Will finalize games and make sure there is equitable field access for games/practices with priority being given to games. Their rosters should be set after 3/29. Email of RCLL game coordinator: kwilson@svuvt.org
- 2) Rec will draft “cooperative agreement” that stipulate responsibilities of all parties that wish to use or fields (RCLL, MRU, etc) in order to ensure that there is clarity and consistency around which organization(s) are responsible for what (maintenance, cleaning, etc).

Rules for baseball use:

- Pick up trash
- Rake field after use
- Line field before game

Next Item: Field Cleanup Day

Agreed on 9AM on 4/26.

Shannon will ask Sandy about getting more wood chips for playground.

Next Item: Community Breakfast - Park Mural Unveiling:

5/3. Rain day 5/4.

Sandra will get FPF post made and posted

Shannon and Sandra will work to get food ordered from Sweet Birches

Yoga @ 8:30 with Selina Ferrandino

Drop in activities 8-10 AM:

Basketball (Sandra to ask a friend), soccer (David), pickleball (Shannon will ask a friend)

Hula hoop - learn to – Sandra has someone in mind

Sack races & Egg Race – Sandra & Shannon

Chess – find someone?

Next Item: Lake Cleanup

5/17. Can open up any time – Memorial Day (without facilities).

Discussion of Rec Committee role in summer camp. The committee generally agreed that since we have a minimal role in organizing it, that we were taking a hands-off stance and allowing the Camp Director to work with Sandy around the details of hiring, job descriptions, etc.

Rec did provide suggested dates for working to offer camp around the MRU camps to extend opportunities for Wallingford families.

Updates

Chess update went well up to 7 kids/week more expressing interest do it again this summer.

Shannon will resend the ethics training everyone should take.

Adjourned at 6:24.