

Draft Minutes
Wallingford Recreation Committee
2/19/26

Attending: David Cornwell, Michael Sanderson, Eric Mckee, Heather Johnson

Minutes taken by David Cornwell

6:01: Meeting called to order and the agenda was reviewed.

New members introduced themselves.

6:04: After review of draft of norms, the committee voted to accept the norms as written. Motion was made by David, seconded by Michael. Unanimous.

6:10: Public Input. We agreed to move to the agenda item of RCLL field use as the members of the public who were present wanted to address this topic.

Committee agreed that we would allow RCLL to use our fields as they had in the past with the understanding that they are responsible for field maintenance as in the past.

Was discussion of pouring new base holders (concrete) on the south field including those for T Ball in the spring. Michael was willing to do this with help from others.

Registration is currently taking place for RCLL's teams.

Registration is due 3/15 and kids should sign up by 3/1 to avoid a late registration fee.

Will meet after 4/1 to review field use and scheduling needs.

Suggested a neutral party work with MRU and RCLL to set this schedule that prioritizes games. Eric and Michael are willing to work on this when the time comes.

Eric will speak with Chance, the MRU Athletic Director to see what they have for needs this spring.

Discussed that usually MRU's practices take place earlier, before RCLL's practices.

Agreed that we would post on FPF that there is scholarships available from Wallingford (Town) and also T Mobile to help families with the cost of playing for RCLL. David will do this.

Agreed that we would like to see a repeat of the Wallingford vs Clarendon Memorial Day game as it was well attended and was a successful event.

6:26: Discussion of Ice Skating Rink set up by Recreation Committee. The member of the public who asked for this to be discussed did not attend (Mark Noble).

Committee discussed feasibility as well as the logistics of building and setting this up in the winter and agreed that it was not feasible for winter of 25-26. Will explore building it next fall and will set it up before the season.

Will have to explore how to resurface it after heavy use and how we would set up a waiver system to use it.

Discussion about clearing parts of Elfin Lake for skating were had, although this would bring up other concerns (parking, snow removal, ice depth verification, etc). David will investigate if other towns with ponds (locally) do this.

6:40: Other matters

Agreed to table election of officers until future meeting.

Discussed upcoming events and plans and needs for moving forward

- Wood chips at playground
- Signage
- Water at Park
- Repairs to Lake Building
- Possible changes given erosion mitigation work (to Lake Building)
- Soccer Field (marking)
- Chalk donations

Discussed the purpose and goals of Recreation Committee

A member of the public, Todd Galiano, who arrived mid-meeting shared that he is interested in joining the Rec. Committee. David brought up the idea of his moving on and possible spaces opening given the current charter of 5 members.

Todd shared some ideas and resources he might have access to.

Discussed the idea of site walk-throughs and the creation of a yearly maintenance schedule. Also discussed possible use of Wallingford road crew/staff doing some weekly maintenance work to support maintaining Rec facilities.

Meeting Adjourned, by consensus at 7:05