

Meeting of the Waterbury Recreation Committee
Thursday 06/13/2024
Steele Community Room
Scheduled Duration 6:30 – 8:30PM

1. Roll Call:

- a. Committee Members: Frank Spaulding, Paul Lawson, Phoebe Pelkey, Beth Gilpin, Jake Ferreira, Aaron Starmer, Emma Lenchner, Brian Cooke
 - i. Present: Frank Spaulding, Paul Lawson, Phoebe Pelkey, Beth Gilpin, Aaron Starmer, Emma Lenchner, Brian Cooke
 - ii. Absent: Jake Ferreira
- b. Town Employees/Officers: Katarina Lisaius
- c. Guests: Ian Smith

2. Adopt Meeting Agenda:

- a. Motion to adopt: Phoebe Pelkey
- b. Second: Paul Lawson
- c. Discussion:
- d. Vote: Passed

3. Adopt Meeting Minutes of 05/09/24:

- a. Motion to adopt: Paul Lawson
- b. Second: Aaron Starmer
- c. Discussion:
- d. Vote: Passed

4. Public Comments – This is a business meeting. The committee will limit public comments to 3 minutes per person or depending on the number of individuals who choose to speak no more than 15 minutes aggregate, divided evenly depending on the number of individuals. Please sign in that you wish to speak upon arrival to the meeting.

How can we release information to the public about what we are doing? We need to collect community comments maybe at the Farmers Market. Should we get a booth? Katarina will text Stan about this.

How active is FPF about rec?

5. Anderson Fields Discussion – Continue the process which could include one or more of the following.

- a. Katarina update on collaboration discussion with Childrens Room and Senior Center-
 - ~Reviewed 2019 study- Senior center is committed to the space that is in the 2019 design. They are set with having their own kitchen due to meals on wheels. They like their current space so if they weren't involved it would be ok. They were also concerned

about transportation to a new facility.

~Children's room- in limbo with the school budget but want to be in the school(Brookside) and in that space for youth development. They want to be in the school vs in the 2019 design.

Both benefit from the areas that they are in. The rec dept would still be having senior and children centered activities regardless.

- i. Group discussion and reach consensus on direction forward for Rec center- consolidate plan and figure out what size rooms rec might need. Expandability should be considered. What is the minimum shared space at this time and why? Opt not to consider the senior center and children's space now. Committee is sensitive to future community needs with space. The committee agrees to move forward without the senior center and children's space but maintain the idea that the plan will have room for future expansion.

- b. Review draft questionnaire for community input survey-Committee will
- c. Consider questions for a pool survey.

6. Naming of the Ice Center Arena Area Park - Town manager and select board chair looking into naming some of the parks. The Recreation Committee will brainstorm ideas for the next meeting.
7. Review Park Rules at July Meeting- Modernizing rules - have not been updated since 2004. Updating language- Katarina will bring these back in July.
8. Directors report – Katarina (emailed previously)
9. Placeholder update items – only discussed if time allows – If agenda item is needed at a later meeting please hold till last item.
 - a. Skatepark
 - b. Community Path
 - c. Volunteer needs
 - d. Consider a committee workday in the spring.
10. Next Agenda
11. Next Meeting July 11
12. Adjourn: Target 8pm

