

Meeting Agenda Waterbury Recreation Committee

Date: Aug 26, 2025

Location: Steele Community Room 6:30-8pm

Meeting ID: 864 2725 3173

Passcode: 840917

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/ksDx70ZN3>

Roll Call:

Committee Members: Frank Spaulding, Phoebe Pelkey, Paul Lawson, Beth Gilpin, Jake Ferreira, Aaron Starmer, Emma Lenchner, Brian Cooke, Alex Showerman, Brooks Fortune

Attendees: Phoebe Pelkey, Beth Gilpin, Jake Ferreira, Aaron Starmer, Emma Lenchner, Brian Cooke, Brooks Fortune, Frank Spaulding

Absent: Paul Lawson, Alex Showerman

Town Employees: Katarina Lisaus

Guests: None

1. Adopt meeting Agenda:

Motion to adopt: Paul Lawson

Second: Jake Ferreira

Discussion:

Vote: Passed

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to adopt: Emma Lenchner

Second: Beth Gilpin

Discussion: None

Vote: The minutes from the previous meeting on 7/22/25 were reviewed and approved.

3. 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 committee.

4. Recreation Director Report: See attached report...Summer programming was successful. The instructor model was helpful and the size of the camp worked well. Waterworks: UVM students did a study that was presented to planning committee and public works. Last fall WATA and the town had a meeting about it and made a recommendation. *WATA stated it would be happy to be a community support when the town decides what it wants to do. (Correction as of 9/23/25 meeting)* If the community does not come to an understanding about how that affects the surface water place there may be guidelines from the state. EFUD may have to make decisions about whether to keep it open or not. An effort is being made to protect the water source. KL will f/u with EFUD and public works and will see what comes out of the planning commission. Will decide if the rec committee needs to add support. We need to set forth some planning for this property in the near future.

5. Town Employee Report: KL will reach out to community partners for letters of support. KL is writing a grant (Northern Border Regional Commission) for the field house facility/engineering. Still waiting for surveying from the Grenier report. Once that exists architects will give the rough estimating numbers. Then we will consider community meetings once we have solid numbers. Get a pitch together to discuss how this is going to transform the town. The next meeting can be more strategic about it. There is momentum for this moving forward.

6. Community Connectivity: Next meeting

Send out a survey or letter of invitation-

7. Recreation center/Field House discussion: See

above town report. What message do town people want to know? Maybe do a background, where we are at now, how to move forward, paint a picture of the vision. What is the goal of the outreach- inform people, this is the scope of what we can provide and why it's important. Slide show - (like Albany) compile what we have with the story. Once we have the message- figure out how to get it out. Jake and KL will tie this together with the grant and will present something at the next meeting. Brainstorm where to present information, how to get from where we get from a nice to a need. What are our needs...having regular access to recreation is better for kids. The pitch should include a NEED.

8. Discussion about roles/appointments/by laws for community members:

Officer bank/selection- Frank will propose for the officers.

Elections - yearly

Consistency- make it to meetings

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled 9/23/25 6:30pm Steele Community Room

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 8:10pm

