

# Meeting Agenda and Minutes Waterbury Recreation Committee

**Date:** May 26th, 2026

**Location:** Steele Community Room 6:30-8pm

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**Roll Call:**

**Committee Members:** Phoebe Pelkey, Beth Gilpin, Jake Ferreira, Aaron Starmer, Emma Lenchner, Brian Cooke, Brooks Fortune, Dwayne Weeks, Marlana Baker

**Attendees:** Beth Gilpin, Jake Ferreira, Aaron Starmer, Emma Lenchner, Brian Cooke, Brooks Fortune, Dwayne Weeks, Marlana Baker

**Absent:** Brian Cooke

**Town Employees:** Erika Linskey

**Guests:**

Adopt Meeting Agenda:

- Motion to adopt: Phoebe Pelkey
- Second: Beth Gilpin
- Discussion:
- Vote:

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Motion to adopt: Brookes Fortune
- Second: Phoebe Pelkey
- Discussion:
- Vote: The minutes from the previous meeting on April, 28, 2026 reviewed and approved

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.

#### Updates from the Rec Director (15 mins)

- Discussed financial transactions for program fees and activities
- Teams and clubs began using fields May 2nd
  - Parks staff full time as of April 27th - may start earlier next year
- Community Gardens officially open memorial weekend, repairs and enhancements have been made
  - Working with Library and Rotary Club for butterfly garden
- Updates and minor repairs to current rec building, working towards encompassing broader age groups in this space.
- Discussed seasonal staff for summer programming
- Town and Selectboard Communications - in lieu of selectboard liaison, a chair of our committee is responsible for attending select board meetings in person to provide updates. Don Schneider will work with Rec Department and Committee on facilities rates
- 111 total campers registered, 95 per day, discussed staffing for camp
- Seeking volunteers to support fundraising towards tuition balances to summer daycampers
- Discussed other programming including tennis lessons, soccer camp, swim lessons, etc...
- Pool scheduled to open June 22nd, discussed hours, staffing, pool repairs & maintenance. EFUD no longer supports pool water maintenance so the Rec Department will take over responsibility.
- Seeking donations for better gear for lifeguards
- Seasonal groundskeepers and facilities reservations (including sports leagues and private events)
- Skate park coalition is hosting a try-out day for adaptive athletes on June 28th - partnership with Green Mountain Adaptive
- June 21st Go Skate Day event
- Discussed other community updates

#### Appointment of committee officers (20 mins)

- Phoebe and Aaron have volunteered as Co-Chairs for 2026 - 2027
- Emma will hold the Communications seat until April 2027
- Discussed creating waterbury rec gmail account, parameters and rules
- Emma to work with Erika to update town website with up to date Waterbury Rec

## Committee members and contact

### Review and approval of governance doc (15 mins)

- Phoebe to share the last edited version of the governance doc, to be reviewed and finalized at the next meeting.

### Update on Trail Summit (15 mins)

- At least 30 attendees, 15+ organizations, a lot of connection and passion
- Identified low hanging fruit and areas of opportunity
- Discussed collaboration with National Parks Service and investment in the Randall Meadow endeavor
- Suggestion to write a purpose or need statement, then prioritize projects based on this statement
- Request for defining Rec Committees and Sub-Committees members responsibilities in regards to trail summit work
- Discussed need and desire for the town to be more involved
- Discussed contributing to public feedback on town plan when opportunity arises
- Request for Sub-Committee to better understand RW initiative for signage

### Revisit value proposal of Rec Center and draft presentation (25 mins)

- Postponed to next meeting

### Next Meeting: June 23 6:30pm

- Rec Director Update (20 mins)
- Review and approval of governance doc (20 mins)
- Trail Summit Update, Rec Committee Goal, Town Plan Review (20 mins)
- Revisit value proposal of Rec Center and draft presentation (20 mins)

Adjournment: The meeting is targeted to adjourn at 8:00 pm actually adjourned at PM