

Meeting Agenda and Minutes Waterbury Recreation Committee

Date: June 23rd, 2026

Location: Steele Community Room 6:30-8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: Brooks Fortune

Town Employees: Erika Linskey

Guests: Roger Clapp

Adopt Meeting Agenda:

- Motion to adopt: Emma Lenchner
- Second: Beth Gilpin
- Discussion:
- Vote:

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Motion to adopt: Jake Ferreira
- Second: Marlana Baker
- Discussion: tweaks to trail summit notes
- Vote: The minutes from the previous meeting on May 26, 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.

- Update from Select Board:
 - Final set of candidate interviews for open town manager position. Targeting August for start date.

Rec Director Update (20 mins)

1. No report today, extraordinarily busy time
2. Highlights:
 - a. Pool is open, swimming lessons have begun
 - i. High registration
 - b. Taken on 2 other departments responsibilities, short staffed but managing
 - i. Discussion on how to improve situation in future
 - c. Camp kickoff, training director and leads

Review and approval of governance doc (20 mins)

- 1.

Trail Summit Update, Rec Committee Goal, Town Plan Review (20 mins)

1. New Name: Waterbury Pathways Steering Committee
 - a. Members: Roger Clapp, Emma Lenchner, Jake Ferreira, Alex Showerman, Cierra Ford
 - b. Discussed how we could add more members and who might be interested
2. Attending Planning Committee meeting in July
 - a. Explain our mission, understand their involvement
3. Focusing on comment on town plan, will help with funding
 - a. List of priority projects, would like Rec Committee input
 - b. Reviewing multiple chapters of proposed plan
4. Expanding vision beyond recreation to include transportation and economic development
 - a. Broadens possibilities for grant money
5. Beginning research on grants worth applying to
 - a. Discussion on how to best prioritize projects and must they be defined before grant research, or will grant research help inform priority of projects
6. How can / should the Rec Committee be involved in the Waterbury Pathways Steering Committee?
 - a. Ideally, getting involved in the recreation aspect, champion recreation

- connections, own specific projects
- b. Town may look for input on recreation development for residents vs visitors
 - i. Possible comments on town plans
 - ii. Discussion on how to serve recreation for the town and all sorts of people at different accessibility levels
- 7. National Parks Services is working with 5 towns. In Waterbury they are investing effort into a design charette in October on
 - a. 2 main projects
 - i. Randall Meadow, recreation and flood mitigation
 - ii. Trail Connectivity
 - b. Surveys, design presentations, feedback from public

Revisit value proposal of Rec Center and draft presentation (20 mins)

1. In order for this to be a key priority for the Select Board, a new Rec Center should be in the town plan
 - a. Recommendation that this committee considers this in our town plan review next month
2. Our town is getting bigger, this committee feels its worth continue to advocate for this Rec Center
3. Future meeting in Fall should be dedicated to revisiting current plan
 - a. Discussion on a market study and outside use

Next Meeting: July 28 6:30pm

1. Rec Committee comments on Town Plan (50 mins)
2. Trail Summit Update, Priority Projects (20 mins)
3. Final Comments on Governance Doc (10 mins)

Adjournment: The meeting is targeted to adjourn at 8:00 pm actually adjourned at 8:01 PM