

Meeting Agenda and Minutes Waterbury Recreation Committee

Date: July 28th, 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, Marlena Baker

Attendees: Phoebe Pelkey, Beth Gilpin, Jake Ferreira, Aaron Starmer, Brian Cooke, Dwayne Weeks, Marlena Baker

Absent: Emma Lenchner, Brooks Fortune.

Town Employees: Erika Linskey

Guests: Heather Lessor, Pool Director, and Liliana Conoscenti, Lifeguard

Adopt Meeting Agenda:

- Motion to adopt: Phoebe Pelkey
- Second: Jake Ferreira
- Discussion: Aaron had just attended part of the Planning Commission meeting and shared their expectations re: input on the Town Plan. He also acknowledged that we missed the July Select Board meeting and will make a concerted effort to attend the next one. Calendar is on the SB's Town webpage.
- Vote: All in favor

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Motion to adopt: Brian Cooke
- Second: Jake Ferreira
- Discussion: Beth suggested two edits.
- Vote: All in favor

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.

1. Liliana Consocenti: Here to express her support for the pool and its continued operation. Was asked for her reflections on how things are going: Has seen positive changes among staffing. Pool needs updates beyond marginal improvements. Sam's monitoring of chemicals and pump house has been great.

Rec Director Update (5 mins)

1. Erika Linskey: Camp going as expected numbers-wise and staffing, including swimming lessons and afternoon supervision. Transactions to date: \$175k this calendar year with cash receipts to MyRec software balancing out regularly, and making sure all participants are paid up.
2. Heather Lessor, Pool Director: Been employed by Town and working for pool for nearly 20 years. Shared insights from a report she presented to the committee. Resurfacing of shallow end done in 2025 is starting to show cracks. Changing chemical pump to automatic and adding a stabilizing chemical is maintaining stable, CDC-recommended chlorine level throughout the day. Still losing water regularly and can be slippery around edges. Many area groups use pool daily including from Stowe, MR Valley, Washington County Mental Health, etc. 470+ community members. 243 daily users on average. Swim lessons to 200+ people over 8 weeks. Still looking for off-season lesson location to meet significant demand in Waterbury. HL stressed the importance of education in preventing drowning among young children.
3. Discussion: Encouraged Rec Comm to focus on keeping a pool in future plans for Anderson Field. As we get back to looking at a Rec Center, committee would value hearing about the day in the life of a pool user, who's using it and for what. Heather shared some initial reflections.

Rec Committee comments on Town Plan (40 mins)

1. Planning Commission is releasing the draft of the new Town Plan for public review on July 29th and wants our input by September 13th before the public hearing on September 14th.
2. Discussion: We need to discuss where recreation shows up in each section of the draft plan and consider meeting as a committee again in August. Aaron will survey members

to see who can participate in a special meeting in August to focus on the Town Plan, especially the Community Services section.

3. Preparation: Review the following
 - a. Review master planning for Ice Center, Hope Davey, and Rec priorities.
 - b. Think about what we want to see at outcomes
 - c. Identify consistent language to use in each section where we offer input
 - d. Review draft draft Town Plan. Watch for a link on Waterbury's website in coming days.
4. Funding source for potential Anderson Field project: We could go for more federal Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) for outdoor recreation resources. LWCF funds that helped create Anderson encumber that area for rec use in perpetuity, unless the town were to do a land swap using land within Waterbury that is not already used for recreation.

Trail Summit Update, Priority Projects (20 mins)

1. Jake: Trails committee has been reviewing their priority trails or connectivity projects for input into the Town Plan. Design charette in Randall Meadow still in the plans for October. WATA currently focusing on Moretown project vs Waterbury trails. A lot of discussion around grants. Group is curious about Rec Comm's desired involvement with the trails committee.

Final Comments on Governance Doc (20 mins)

1. Postponed to September meeting.

Next Meeting: September 22 6:30pm

1. Rec Director Updates
2. Final Comments on Governance Doc
3. Revisit current Recreation Center plan
 - a. Discuss potential market study and outside uses of the center

Motion to adjourn: Beth

Seconded: Jake

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

