

Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes - Monday, Sept 8, 2025

In Attendance: Apryl Blood, Scott Blasingame, (no Ericka Carr) Alfred Hanson (selectboard rep), Sharon Nicosia, Buzz Whalen, and Tim Blagden

Meeting minutes approved from 8/11/25

Treasurer Update:

Apryl met with Tim Allen, labor costs need to be moved from his budget to ours, along with some purchases. Co-ed softball money not in yet. Erika is working with Softball Director to collect and deposit into the revolving account.

Revolving Account Balance is \$ 8269.78 (8/11/25)

Budget:

Our Budget Presentation Meeting with Selectboard & Budget Committee is Thursday, Nov. 20, 7pm Town Hall. Alfred wanted the budget by tomorrow morning. No one knew this was a deadline and no one told Apryl. We are hoping to vote on it tonight but there should be more communication. With the staff shortage to complete the tasks this year for Parks and Rec, there will be unanticipated funds left, which will allow us to can pay for the rink this year, and then there is no costs for a rink for next year. This includes the labor funds. Last meeting Alfred asked if we could make the rink happen, and we think we can.

Rink:

Sharon did research on rinks and total cost from the vendor Iron Sleek is \$10,399 for the kit including the liner and everything. It is steel reinforced plastic walls (18"high) so it may last longer. The liner is a 6-millimeter liner which is what the other towns use too.

Just a new liner price is \$956 it costs a lot to ship. (Blue Lake Plastics)

Apryl spoke to New London Rec. about their rink. They use a homemade PVC piping system that we estimate to cost \$2000 plus a new liner. One of the PVC pipes clips on, but it pops off often, they said it is difficult to maintain.

Apryl also spoke with Sunapee, they have a kit from Nice Rink. This one 60x120 would cost approx. \$7000 including shipping (\$350-\$450). See proposals; 52x104 size would be \$5344.00 if we shrank the rink. Plus, the cost of netting for the ends (\$100/each).

We feel the PVC system would not be easily maintained, the kit system seems best for longevity and maintenance (including assembly). We have someone interested in being our seasonal rink person, we will follow up once decided.

Expenses left for this year's budget: porta potties, maintenance, electricity, infield mix, and we anticipate having approx. \$10,000+/- unspent funds (materials & labor).

[Motion to vote on the Nice Rink option for \$6626 (60x120), plastic boards not steel reinforced. Plus, the labor for maintenance. Voted: 3 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstained.] Rink is tabled until next meeting, per Apryl.

2026 Final Budget:

Apryl went over the line items, as this goes to Alfred tomorrow. We are still in limbo on the resurfacing schedule for Riverside Park. Motion to vote on the 2026 Proposed Budget of \$42,645: Voted: passed unanimously. (14% increase from 2025)

Updates:

Still no date for this. Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing been confirmed for work to be completed of adding additional pickle ball court lines. Offer to not do the pickleball court this year and do it when they next resurface the court.

Other:

Indoor pickleball at Simond's to be Monday and Friday 6:30-8:00. Apryl will request the building use for this.

Swearing in still needs to happen for the two new board members.

Important Dates:

Adopt-A-Highway Date: set a fall date, maybe Oct. 3rd, Friday

Opening Day youth Sports: Completed

Co-Ed Softball: Completed

WYSA Fall Soccer: has started at Bagley Field.

Kearsarge Wildcats has started at Riverside Park.

Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month moving forward, therefore the following dates:

4/14, 5/12, summer break, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10(if needed)

NEXT Meeting, 10/13 at 7pm