

Meeting Minutes – Parks and Rec. 04/13/26

Attendance: Apryl Blood, Scott Blasingame, Ericka Carr, Sharon Nicosia, Buzz Whalen, and Tim Blagden

Selectboard Advocate: Rick Bixby

Minutes Approved 10/13/25

Treasurer Update:

Revolving Account Balance is \$ 9,733.60

Budget:

Go over 2026 approved budget. Plan out the year accordingly. The budget is a little different in that equipment repair and purchase are now in DPW. Apryl wants to work with DPW more closely to track it. We have our own maintenance person named Brian Galipeau. \$42,113.00 is the total budget from the town. The budget meeting presentation is: Nov. 19, 2026, the Visitation for the Budget Committee is July 23, 2026. Rick was asked to give us the Selectboard deadline for budget. We will have a rough draft for 2027 next meeting.

Bagley Park:

No spring sports at Bagley. Gate is open, park is ready for season.

We have a volley net where the rink was, Apryl to touch base with Griffin on setup. We need to find the post holes.

Ice Rink:

We put the rink away. Discuss the punch list for next year now with the new rink up and running. This season was one of the best in record, opening the rink 12/11/25 last day 3/11/26. Many towns made use of the rink. This will give us a good budget for moving forward on hours and needs. The rink is stored at the snack shack at Bagley. (This is due to the fire at the regular storage area) We spent around \$1500 for labor but it needed more time maybe \$3500 for more often resurfacing etc. The hose and hydrant need to be repaired. We need to consider lighting, and maybe get a donation from Eversource. This lighting could be used for a volleyball court too. If the fire department could put the first layer of ice down, that would be great.

Riverside Park:

UPDATE: Advantage Tennis (out of VT) will seal cracks soon for 2026, approx. \$1512, and will need to budget for resurfacing 2027, at \$12,627.

Discuss Park Clean Up Day, TBA, and Co-Ed Softball to start last Sunday in April, through June 28-Tournament (registration increased to \$235) and WYSA sports are set to start games first of May. Someone at Riverside forced the gate up and over a few weeks ago, and then did it again a few days later. It'll be made more secure! The plumber had to fix the ball valve for the water source for the bathrooms.

New pickleball net on order for replacement.

Silver Lake:

Start cleanup of beach of pine needles and branches. Grade and drag for season opening. Consideration was mentioned on cutting a pine tree a year and replace with a shade tree for ease in maintenance and beach enjoyment.

Seasonal Help:

Ian gave a recap to Apryl for the Rink Attendant part of our seasonal employee. Apryl will write this up and send out with the punch list for Bagley.

New Hire for the regular Park Season, Brian Galipeau.

Do we need to pay the president a stipend, as an incentive to do this job? There's lots of driving and many hours of work. Apryl will write out a timeline and schedule for the job, including being on call all the time. Apryl has been in the position for ten years.

Emergency management plan: Tim attended this past one, and we need someone to go on Wednesdays once a month from 9-11. The next one is April 29th.

Important Dates:

Paint the Dugouts: TBD, can be community service hours.

Adopt-A-Highway Date: May 8th, 10-12pm, meet at Bagley Park.

Opening Day youth Sports: May 9th is first home games, Baseball.

Co-Ed Softball: May 3rd to the June 28th. We will review rules through a zoom captains meeting.

Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month moving forward, therefore the following dates: 5/11, summer break, 8/10, 9/21, 10/12, 11/9(if needed)

Next Meeting – **** Monday, 5/11 @7pm location Town Hall (Main Hall)****