

Recreation Meeting Minutes

May 5 2026

Present: Vicki Donlan, Mark Thorell, Steven Buckley, Steve Melia, Adrienne Ramsey and Jacki Muh

Absent: Matt Lebreton

- I. Vicki Donlan called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM remotely.

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- II. A motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 8th will be taken at the June 2nd meeting.
- III. Program Update: The final sessions of East Explorers and Foster PLUS have begun. Mark reviewed the registration numbers for each class with a total of 184 registrations at Foster and 110 registrations at East.
Mark reviewed spring programs and registration numbers.
All summer applicants have been notified of their employment status. There were about 170 staff, lifeguards and CIT hired for the summer. Paperwork was due back two weeks ago. Almost all paperwork has been submitted to HR and Accounting. Orientations for all staff will be June 10th and June 13th. Lifeguards will have a different orientation at the beach.
The Board of Health would like the swim lines at the Harbor to be moved to where more swimmers are. Mark will confirm with the Harbor Master.
Session 1 of all of the programs is much lower than normal due to the split weeks because of snow days. Mark reviewed summer program numbers.
- IV. Road Race Update: The new logo is complete and will be released soon. The Select Board Office requested to have the "Rev 250" logo incorporated into the design. The race t-shirts have been ordered. Race registration is open. There will be a safety meeting with the Police Department, Fire Department, DPW and transportation in June.
- V. Turf Maintenance Discussion: Slice seeding and aerating the fields will begin the third week of May. Due to complaints in the past, the machines will not be pulling cores while

aerating which leads clumps of dirt but will use steel tines to poke holes in the field. The next field application will be in mid to late June.

The Turf Maintenance budget passed at Town Meeting.

- VI. PRS Basketball Court Project Update: The project passed at Town Meeting. The project will fully renovate the basketball court and repair the roof structure. It will most likely begin the summer of 2027 because construction can not begin until school is out.
- VII. FY 2026 Budget Update: The budget is strong. Many of the camp invoices will be taken out in the coming weeks for field trips and supplies.
- VIII. Open Forum: Adrienne asked for the upcoming meetings for Pickleball. It will be in front of the Planning and Conservation Committees on May 18th and the Zoning Board on May 19th. The Recreation Department will post a meeting for both of those meetings in case there is a quorum at either meeting
- IX. The next Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30pm on Zoom.
- X. Adrienne Ramsey made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm and Steve Melia seconded it. It was a unanimous vote.
Vote:
Adrienne Ramsey: Yes
Steve Melia: Yes
Steven Buckley: Yes
Vicki Donlan: Yes