

**Adopted with Revisions Minutes
Waterbury Recreation Committee Meeting 9/8/2021
Anderson Picnic Shelter**

6:30 – 8:00 PM

This meeting will not be available for public attendance via online connection other than phone connection for members as necessary to provide participation in the meeting.

Roll Call:

Committee Members: Phoebe Pelkey, Bill Minter, Paul Lawson, Meg Baldor, Jane Brown, Frank Spaulding

Present: Phoebe Pelkey, Bill Minter, Paul Lawson, Meg Baldor, Jane Brown, Frank Spaulding

Absent: None

Town Employees – Officers:

Present: Nick Nadeau

Guests: Tami Bass, Mike Rossi, Nick Meerburg, Jake Ferreira, Justice Hedenberg

1. Review Agenda –
2. Adopt Meeting Agenda: Bill Minter
 - a. Motion to adopt: Bill Minter
 - b. Second: Paul Lawson
 - c. Discussion: Add agenda item about communication
 - d. Vote: Passed
3. Adopt Meeting Minutes of 8/19/2021:
 - a. Motion to adopt: Phoebe Pelkey
 - b. Second: Jane Brown
 - c. Discussion: None
 - d. Vote: Passed
4. Public Comments – This is a business meeting. The committee will limit public comments to 3 minutes per person or depending on number of individuals who choose to speak no more than 15 minutes aggregate,

divided evenly depending on number of individuals. Please sign in that you wish to speak upon arrival to the meeting.

- a. Alternative to speaking – A flip chart and marker will be provided for those who do not have an opportunity to speak or who would rather write in a format that can be shared visually at the meeting and incorporated into the meeting minutes. (in accordance with town guidance for language and content)

5. Report from the Recreation Director

Afterschool program at capacity- 22 kids meeting half the need. 47 have signed up so far.

COVID not affecting the afterschool program thus far.

Pool went well this year and was close to breaking even. Short on staff. Patches held well for the season.

Some program fees will increase for 2022. Nick working on this with Bill Shepeluk. Nick will provide a list of the current prices to members of rec committee.

Nick putting together a proposal for a new program coordinator.

- a. Town slated to receive former Village properties from EFUD
Selectboard has not made a formal agreement on EFUD properties yet.
6. Proposal of VOREC grant application letter of intent for Long Range management Planning for Hope Davey.
- a. This agenda item will be dependent somewhat on response from the Grantors – If no response, simply an update to reserve meeting time for other agenda items- **Tabled**
7. Skate Park
- a. Discussion of role of rec committee in making a recommendation to the town regarding

- i. Sitting-Adjacent to the Ice Center, visions of a community space in that area, covered pavilion and multi use on that parcel of property. Would be available to all levels of skaters.
- ii. Scale- still in the planning stages, all concrete, will have some engineering involved for drainage, etc. Process is 3-4 months, environmental aspects- was a hazardous waste site in the past but it received site management approval- no health and safety concerns. 15,000 square feet for the whole build out.
- iii. Operation and Management planning-a possible revenue process from the community. Minimal upkeep with a concrete skatepark. Building and maintenance will be provided by the skatepark committee. Will have a group like WATA who will provide oversight. Will address many of these concerns with an MOU. Next steps are to see if the town accepts the land from EFUD. Skate park will circle back to the rec committee at the next meeting on Oct 13.

Rec committee members will provide feedback or questions to the skatepark committee before Sept 30- waterburyskatepark@gmail.com
Skatepark will meet with the rec committee at the next scheduled meeting on Oct 13

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b. *Text amended below*

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- e. Frank will take any suggestions/ feedback on the previous draft of disc golf. Frank - We need some stability for the shorter term.

9. Communication-

10. Adjourned- Meeting 9:05pm

Requested modifications to the minutes Meg Baldor 10/14/21

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b. Per Meg- what if we had an MOU for the use of the disc golf course on a quarterly basis. Saying the users of the disc golf park agree that you can mow and do some minor things.

REVISE:

b. Frank reported that Dave Frothingham had not submitted any feedback on the draft proposal from the summer and there is no group to work with. Discussion and agreement from all Rec members that there is no Center Chains group despite prolonged and intensive effort by the committee to work with Dave Frothingham. The Committee discussed that time/effort is needed beyond this issue and that an endpoint has been reached. Nick stated that he could pick up the mowing of the course a few times in season by the town.

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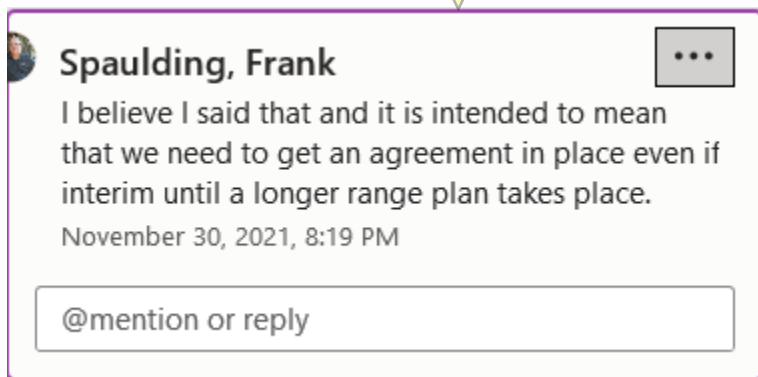
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CLARIFY/REVISE:

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Who said this, and what does it mean? Note provided in reviewed minutes



A screenshot of a text message from Frank Spaulding. The message is enclosed in a purple border. At the top left is a small circular profile picture of Frank Spaulding. To the right of the name is a grey square button with three white dots. The text of the message reads: "I believe I said that and it is intended to mean that we need to get an agreement in place even if interim until a longer range plan takes place." Below the text is the timestamp "November 30, 2021, 8:19 PM". At the bottom of the message is a white rectangular input field with the placeholder text "@mention or reply".