

Meeting of the Waterbury Recreation Committee
Thursday 10/10/2024
Steele Community Room
Scheduled Duration 6:30 – 8:00 PM

1. Roll Call:

- a. Committee Members: Frank Spaulding, Paul Lawson, Phoebe Pelkey, Beth Gilpin, Jake Ferreira, Aaron Starmer, Emma Lenchner, Brian Cooke
 - i. Present: Frank Spaulding, Phoebe Pelkey, Beth Gilpin, Aaron Starmer, Emma Lenchner
 - ii. Absent: Paul Lawson, Jake Ferreira, Brian Cooke
- b. Town Employees – Officers:
 - i. Present: Katarina Lisaius
 - ii. Guests: Ian Shea

2. Adopt Meeting Agenda:

- a. Motion to adopt: Phoebe Pelkey
- b. Second: Emma Lenchner
- c. Discussion:
- d. Vote: Passed

3. Adopt Meeting Minutes of 9/11/2024:

- a. Motion to adopt: Phoebe Pelkey
- b. Second: Aaron Starmer
- c. Discussion:
- 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 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 meeting.

5. Select board representative - Selectboard is dealing with large projects post flooding, taxes. SB decided to repair the pool at the cost of ~\$49K for next year. SB to discuss how to fund the new rec center. Town local option tax might be able to be used for some of this. Consider matching funds to help- perhaps asking schools to help, check different avenues to see what the town is willing to contribute. Budget line for 2027 was discussed for rec center. Consider asking from VOREC \$. Need to identify budgeting partnerships and sources. From the SB the conversation has been having a fairly simple new recreation facility. Have to keep the process moving forward. Need to have a well thought out plan ready to go for the future.

6. Results of Table at Farmers market - overall people were excited about the prospect of a new recreation center. The gym was a big center piece. Pool was also discussed. People wanted something that felt like a community space, more senior options.

Next Steps:

What we know about the rec center is no senior center, no children's room.

Look at the spreadsheets of interested parties and reach out to them first

*Will invite interested parties to the next meeting (FP forum post)-

*Will do a short informational discussion and then see if parties have interest.

7. Town Plan Review

a. Review recreational language.

i.

https://www.waterburyvt.com/fileadmin/files/Zoning_Planning/bb_Town_of_Waterbury_Municipal_Plan_2018_Adopted_12-3-18.pdf

ii. Link to editable Document: [Town Plan - 2024 Edits.docx](#)

Review vision and action steps- forward suggestions to Katarina

8. Rules follow up- Katarina has submitted the updated park rules to the town manager. Waiting to be finalized and then posted.

9. Naming Ice Rink Parcel- committee to volunteer suggestions. Some suggestions have been coming from community members.

10. Next agendas - Groups engaging on long range plan

11. Next Meeting - Nov 14

12. Adjourn: Target 8pm