

**Meeting Minutes of the Waterbury Recreation Committee**  
**Thursday 12/12/2024**  
**Steele Community Room**  
**Scheduled Duration 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

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1. Roll Call:

a. Committee Members:

i. Present: Frank Spaulding, Beth Gilpin, Jake Ferreira,  
Aaron Starmer, Emma Lenchner,

ii. Absent: Paul Lawson, Phoebe Pelkey, Brian Cooke

b. Town Employees – Officers:

i. Present: Ian Shea, Katarina Lisaius, Katie Mandych

ii. Guests: Eric Schwarz, VP Capital Soccer

2. Adopt Meeting Agenda:

a. Motion to adopt: Emma Lenchner

b. Second: Beth Gilpin

c. Discussion:

d. Vote: Passed

3. Adopt Meeting Minutes of 11/14/2024: Tabled to next meeting

a. Motion to adopt:

b. Second:

c. Discussion:

d. Vote:

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/ Rec director – next steps?

SB - Ian communicated that the SB is thinking of a building in the 12 – 13,000 SF scale with 2 youth sized courts that open into one full size courts, no seating for 200.

And Rec Center Classroom, offices, storage etc.

Followed was a general discussion on types of acceptable structures including free pan, tensile etc. No conclusion from conversation.

Director – Katarina supplemented the distributed monthly report with the news that Day Camp numbers will decrease for this coming summer due to staffing

pressures and situations that could lead to ratios to dip to unsafe numbers if attendance was not decreased.  
Committee had general questions

6. Input from Sports league/teams for Anderson Feld and Rec Center

Erik Schwarz presented on behalf of Capital Soccer how the proposed Anderson Fields /Rec Complex would or would not meet their program needs

- As proposed would be Ad Hoc rental space at best as they need the space equivalent to 4-5 Basketball courts at a time.
- Q from the Committee - How much space would be meaningful? A - 2 full size basketball courts
- Q Is fan space important? – A – No

General discussion of the committee based on what we had heard over the past two meetings followed with Aaron introducing the concept that maybe what we should consider is a separate field house and a separate rec center, each designed to meet their own purpose and operate independently.

Discussion regarding flexibility and ability to phase was discussed with more detailed conversation to be picked up next meeting

7. Naming Ice rink Parcel?

Tabled

8. Next agendas

- a. Community Path Group
- b. Review where we are with Anderson Planning

9. Next Meeting – 1/9/2025

10. Adjourn: Target 8pm

Moved Beth

2<sup>nd</sup> Emma

Passed