

Meeting of the Waterbury Recreation Committee
Tuesday 2/18/2025
Steele Community Room
Scheduled Duration 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Topic: Town of Waterbury's Rec Committee
Time: 2/18/ 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 851 0486 3400
Passcode: 883372

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1. Roll Call:

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

2. Adopt Meeting Agenda:

- a. Motion to adopt: Aaron Starmer
- b. Second: Emma Lenchner
- c. Discussion: Add in Vtrans letter discussion
- d. Vote: Passed

3. Adopt Meeting Minutes of 1/9/25

- a. Motion to adopt: Jake Ferreira
- b. Second: Phoebe Pelkey
- 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 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. Rec director – Summer camp filling up and camp staffing is coming along as well as pool staff. No middle school camp will be happening this year. Currently there are low numbers in the after school program. Katarina will be talking with Live Y'ers about maybe collaborating for an afterschool program. Their numbers are also lower than past years.

Selectboard liaison- Ian Shea reports that he will be discussing the rec budget at town meeting.

6. Pool discussion - Could we think about having wellness amenities (sauna, hottub), who do we need to serve? How are we serving adults and children? Look at models in colder climates and see what other amenities they offer. Need to diversify the user groups more. Figure out who the users we are targeting? What is the ROI-what are the communities we are going to serve. Needs to be designed in tandem with the rec building.

Next steps: Continue to gather data regarding pool use, users etc. Identify what local pools charge, cost, how much would we charge, can't rely on current population for information. Who are the tangential users, what would it take you to get into the pool. Think of it as a resource for cold months. Action item for next meeting...identify groups that might want to chat about pool. Create a spreadsheet and compile near by pool rates (Aaron will do this). Do we want to invite business to discuss how a pool would meet their needs?. What would income generators for the pool be (this could help define amenities). Katarina will create a document about interested parties. How their business would blend with the pool use/ideas. Will continue this work at the next meeting.

7. Discuss meeting times- Next meeting set for March 25 - also a Tuesday.

8. Letter of support for the Better Connections grant from VTrans was approved by the committee. Motion was made to have the committee president sign the supporting letter for the grant on behalf of the recreation committee.

Adopt the motion to approve signing of the VTrans letter.

- a. Motion to adopt: Paul Lawson
- b. Second: Jake Ferreira
- c. Vote: Passed

9. Next steps on recreation center/field house and or gym design

10. Next Meeting - March 25 6:30 Steel Community Room

11. Adjourn: 8pm