

**Meeting of the Waterbury Recreation Committee**  
**Tuesday 3/25/2025**  
**Steele Community Room**  
**Scheduled Duration 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

Topic: Town of Waterbury's Rec Committee  
Time: 3/25/2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 864 2725 3173

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Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86427253173>

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: Alex Showerman, Phoebe Pelkey, Emma Lenchner, Paul Lawson, Jake Ferreira, Aaron Starmer, Beth Gilpin, Frank Spaulding
  - ii. Absent: Brian Cooke
- b. Town Employees – Officers:
  - i. Present: Katarina Lisaus, Tom Leitz, Katie Mandych
  - ii. Guests: None

2. Adopt Meeting Agenda:

- a. Motion to adopt: Beth Gilpin
- b. Second: Emma Lencher
- c. Discussion:
- d. Vote: Passed

3. Adopt Meeting Minutes of 2/18/25

- a. Motion to adopt: Jake Ferreira
- 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. Recreation center/Pool discussion design - Consider identifying our population, what could we attract with different levels of facilities, start to put a dollar value on these and what kind of ROI would be. Voters approved 55K to resurface the pool at Town Meeting. Considering new filter for 2026 and additional resurfacing. We will keep limping along since the cost is extraordinarily high for replacement.

Town is in a contract with Lyman and Lamphere-(designed the fire station) for \$17,500 and they will work on conceptual design and schematics for a new recreation facility. Only looking at Anderson Field property. Don't have the budget to make this an extensive building with community partners.

Can work on the study over the course of the next 6 mos and then seek community desire/support to be able to move to the engineering phase. Design a basic building in line with what we can afford.

We need more data about community support for this project.

Motion made to adopt the letter: Waterbury recreation facility - proposed adjustments to preliminary program to select board

Motion to Adopt: Jake Ferreira

Second: Paul Lawson

Vote: Passed

6. Skate Park Update - getting close to having full funding with all the pledged funds. Have \$240,000 currently. Construction will hopefully begin in June- with an 8 week expectation.

7. Next steps: Recreation Center/Field House/Gym design  
see #5 above.

8. Community Connectivity/subcommittee - Broader community connectivity for transportation alternatives-with multiple invested groups. We need a home to bring all of these stakeholders together to provide some direction and guidance so we are all working to the same goal- will discuss at next meeting about bringing all interested parties together - see if having a home with rec committee makes sense.

9. Next Meeting - April 22 6:30pm

10. Adjourn:8:12pm