

Recreation Commission Minutes  
Monday, September 8, 2025  
5:30 pm  
Whipple Memorial Hall Conference Room

Members present: Julie Corey (Vice-Chair), Tara Stone, Caitlin Taylor, Cara Leone, Dana Pyle, Kim Ilg  
Also present: Recreation Director Putnam Kidder  
The meeting opened at 5:30 pm

**Review of Minutes, Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items**

It was moved (Caitlin Taylor) and seconded (Tara Stone) to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Meetings, 5:30pm at Whipple Hall:

- November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- December 1<sup>st</sup>

**Summer Recap**

The beach staff totaled 14 lifeguards and 7 beach attendants and only 4 to 5 days were cut short due to staffing issues. Swim lessons earned less income than last year however it was still a net positive for funds earned.

Feedback has been received on unaccompanied minors at the beach after hours and the lack of beach parking on some days. There was a discussion on whether the issue was due to unauthorized vehicles or not, and how that could be discouraged. At the town level, an increase to parking fines has been suggested however that decision lies with the Selectboard. Improved signage and volunteer assistance was also discussed. The issue will be revisited at a future meeting.

**Elkins Swingset & Future Plans**

The DES permit for the swingset replacement has been submitted and the swings will not be ordered until that is approved. The plan is for them to be installed this fall so that they are ready to use in the spring. Mr. Kidder will be returning to the Selectboard to ask for an additional \$2,000 from the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund to use towards a landscape plan for future playground and accessibility improvements. The money needed for the swingset installation came in less than anticipated however the original approval had specified for the equipment and installation so the Selectboard will need to approve the use of the funds for anything other than what was voted on.

**Budget**

The budget for fiscal year 2027 was not ready to review and will be due September 26<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion of staffing and how that relates to budget.

## **Halloween**

Haunted Happenings will have four major “stations”: Whipple Hall, the Town Green, the Municipal Lot and the Barn Playhouse. The Barn Playhouse, the Chamber of Commerce and many other non-profits and local organizations will be participating. Sign ups for volunteers will be sent out ahead of the event.

## **Future Events**

Mr. Kidder provided an update on future programming that has already been scheduled, or is in the works to be scheduled, over the next few months:

- Zumbathon – September 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
- Halloween (Haunted Happenings) October 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Leone