

**MENDON RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES (DRAFT)**  
**Virtual Only**  
**Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 5:30pm**

Attendees: Trish Molloy, Steve Molloy, Chris Baird, Leighton Thayer, Betsy Reddy, Jim Reddy, Larry Courcelle. Liam Fracht – Monroe, Lisa Brooks, and Jesse Bridge – Town Clerk.

No members of the public or guests were present.

Meeting Called to Order at 5:32pm.

Business:

No additions/deletions to the Agenda. Minutes from March 1, 2023, the meeting was approved.

Liam gave background and an overview of the future for the Recreation Committee as follows:

Playground – Old playground set was no longer safe, not ADA compliant and would not pass safety inspection. A new playground set was purchased with ARPA Funds, and donations. The installation of a playground set, and woodchips were done with the help of volunteers. The new playground set has a 25-year warranty. Woodchips are playground ground grade and will have to be top off every few years to maintain the proper base. The Committee will have to contact Tyler at Rutland Recreation to see if we can piggyback on their order woodchips when they put their order in and Mendon Road Crew can pick up from them.

Basketball ½ Court – Court sees lots of playtime and is enjoyed by all. The court was resurfaced about 4 years ago, will need to be redone within 3 years (life of resurfacing is around 7 years). The court is also marked for Pickleball players who will need to bring their own net setup.

Mendon Recreation Trail – Is located below the ballfield. Trail is a joint agreement with Mendon and Rutland Towns and The Martin Family, which utilize land both private (permission granted) and Town land. The trails are for Mendon residents to utilize. The maintenance is done by volunteers, and Mendon Road Crew as needed. Trail makers (Blazes) are White, Blue, and Orange, they do need to be re-marked. The committee reviewed Usage Agreements 2-3 years ago and they all look good. Plans will be made for the committee to walk the trail and assess what maintenance needs to be done.

Ballfield – Is a partnership with the Town of Mendon, Rutland County Little League (RCLL) and Barstow Youth Club (BYC) for them to use field and help with the maintenance of. RCLL provides a Port a Potty for the season, BYC & RCLL help with spring cleaning. Mendon Road Crew (MRC) and volunteers also provide maintenance to the field as needed. MRC does lawn care/clay work. The green shed belongs to Mendon Town and is not in great shape, the gray shed is BYC's and is used to store maintenance tools for field clean up and such.

Past events sponsored by Mendon Rec – Town Picnic, Fishing Derby, and Snowshoeing lessons.

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A discussion concerning the Recreation sign street side needs to be replaced. Liam was working on, the Committee needs to speak with Sara to see what funds are available and where Liam left off. This should be a top priority. Also, if other signage needs to be ordered. Trish will follow up. Leighton also offered some helpful information.

Chris spoke about what the MRC does at the Recreation Field - A discussion concerning the public dumping brush over the embankment which contained hypodermic needles and trash is a danger to children and adults. If residents of South Mendon Road can keep an eye out for dumpers it would be helpful. Locking the pathway gate may be an option and/or cameras. MRC requested from Selectboard some equipment for field maintenance and to help with the control of mud wasps that were discovered in the clay of the ballfield, no decision has been given yet from Selectboard.

Remember to check with Sara if you are doing work on the trail for permission from the property owner and insurance issues.

Committee Reorganization:

Election of new Committee Members:

Jesse nominated Trish Molloy for Chair - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Molloy – all in favor.

Steve Molloy nominated himself for Vice-Chair – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trish Molloy – all in favor.

Lisa Brooks nominated herself for Secretary – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jesse Bridge – all in favor.

Budget:

Reserve Fund - \$34,000.00

Field Maintenance - \$1200.00

Recreation Programing - \$3500.00 (\$3000.00 is given to BYC)

Next meeting will be on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 5:30pm at the Town Office and Virtual.

Items for next meeting – Signage, woodchip/clay, bleacher repair, set dates for other meetings.

Trish called for adjournment of meeting at 6:43pm.

Submitted by Lisa Brooks – Secretary