

**MENDON RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES (DRAFT)  
In-Person & Virtual  
Wednesday, July 28, 2025, 5:30pm  
Location: Mendon Town Office – 2282 US Route 4, Mendon, VT 05701**

Attendees: Trish Molloy, Steve Molloy, Chris Baird, Lisa Brooks, and Jesse Bridge – Town Clerk.

Members of the Public: Brian Gates

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30pm.

No additions/deletions to the agenda.

Minutes from June 3, 2025, correction made and approved (correction is remove sentence “Minutes from March 1, 2023, are approved”.) Minutes from July 9, 2025, approved.

**Business:**

Liability Coverage - Trish spoke about information Sara Tully gave her concerning liability coverage for volunteers that do “work” at the field. There is \$50,000 liability coverage provided by the Town, there is no Workers Compensation or other coverage for the volunteers since they are not an employee of the Town. If a volunteer is injured while preform volunteer “work” they would use their own medical insurance for treatment.

Trail System Agreement – Trish discussed the Beechwood Farm Agreement which covers trail maintenance – the Town/volunteers can do maintenance to the trail without having to contact the Martins for permission.

Budget Review - Trish stated: Recreation Programing budget line has \$3,500.00 - Barstow Youth Club (BYC) receives \$3,000.00 for activities and programing. The remaining money is for recreation programing and other activities for Mendon residents. Field Maintenance budget line has \$1,200.00 which is used for clay, woodchips, and other items to maintain the field. The Reserve Fund has \$34,000.00 which any unused funds can be carried into the next fiscal year. The committee will conduct a needs assessment of what improvements, equipment, and program the recreation area needs to increase Mendon residents’ usage at future meetings.

**Committee Reports:**

Lisa gave following updates – Picnic Tables - spoke and emailed Ryn Soper from MaxR where the picnic tables were purchased in January of 2023. Explaining that screws are backing out of tabletops of both tables causing boards to become uneven. Ryn stated that the installation was not done by their company (volunteers from the town did the installation) and that it would not be covered by the warranty. Ryn stated that we should try to retighten the screws, which was done by Lisa, resulting in the boards becoming even. The bowing of the wheelchair accessible at the end of the tables is still being reviewed by Benjamin Curran as to whether this is from an installation issue or is covered under their warranty. Entrance an informational signage – emails were sent to sign companies requesting information on type, installation, and price of sign for entrance to park and size and price for informational signs. Waiting for a response.

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Steve updated the committee concerning the repair of the damaged bleacher. It was determined that the current bleacher does not meet safety requirements. The committee agreed that the purchase of a new bleacher will be made, also to investigate the anchoring of the bleacher to the ground for safety. Steve will get prices and some other information.

Chris gave both his and Leighton's updates – renting a rototiller (\$35.00 per day 2 day minimum rental) for yearly ballfield maintenance and other usage during season (most like renting for 4 + days per year) or purchasing a new rototiller for about \$300.00, committee decided to purchase new rototiller. Edger will mostly be shared between Mendon Highway Dept (MHD) and Recreation Committee no decision has been made yet on purchasing. Seeding of the ballfield – fabric with seed imbedded in it would help stop bird from eating the seed (which has been an issue in past years) but may be a trip hazard where grass and base line meet due to the fabric rolling. A solution may be to install in the Fall and let the fabric degreed over the Winter. Chris stated they are still investigating options. Painting of the dugouts – Chris explained that since the green paint that is currently there is so dark a color change to a lighter color may be an issue, also discussed was how many days and when to start this project. The roof appears to be in decent shape. The committee thinks about 4 days to repair, scrap and paint the dugouts with minimum of 5-6 volunteers, September would be when this work will be done. Lisa offered to have a painter look at the dugout to see what best way to do the painting and supplies that will be needed. Chris will manage purchasing supplies.

Trish reported to the Committee – New basketball hoop pole and base padding 2” thick and an outdoor vinyl covering to replace damaged padding is around \$200.00. Committee agreed to purchase new padding, and have it installed seasonally May 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> then stored so that Winter weather and rodents do not damage the padding. The committee will investigate purchasing a storage box for padding that is size appropriate. Also 4 basketball nets, about \$25.00 each, will be purchased. The nets will also be installed and removed according to the above dates and stored with the padding.

Prioritization of task and purchasing requests:

The Committee discussed making a list of tasks and purchases of importance, this is not an all-inclusive list.

Motion was made by Lisa Brooks – To work on and purchase as needed, the repair and paint of ballfield dugouts, bleacher, basketball padding, nets and storage box and continue to follow up on the warranty for the picnic tables and gather information for sign/signage designs and quotes.

2nded by Steve Molley

All In Favor - YES

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The following sub-committee is formed:

- Signage – Trish, Jesse, and Lisa

Other business:

Chris explained that at this time of year the MHD has a task list that is three months out and any new task (that are not safety/emergencies) will be put on next season's list. Chris also mentioned MHD and the Recreation Committee work hand in hand to maintain the field and trails, it is a group effort. If we see something like bee nests, ant mounds and/or safety issues call him so that the crew can respond to the issue.

Lisa questioned how many Mendon children attend the BYC, and what BYC spends the money they receive from the Recreation Committee on. It was explained that the money is used for activities for the children, but no count of how many Mendon children attending are available at meeting.

Next meeting September 22, 2025, at 5:30pm Mendon Town Office.

Trish called for adjournment of meeting at 6:55pm.

Submitted by Lisa Brooks – Secretary

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