

MENDON RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES (DRAFT)
In-Person Only (Walk Through)
Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 4:00pm
Location: Mendon Recreation Field – South Mendon Road

Attendees: Trish Molloy, Steve Molloy, Chris Baird, Leighton Thayer, and Lisa Brooks.

Members of the Public: Larry Courcelle and Jim Reddy.

Meeting Called to Order at 4:00pm.

Business:

No additions/deletions to the Agenda.

The Committee reviewed main entrance sign – which has peeling paint, hanging sign is damaged and support pole is leaning toward road. Lisa will contact Sara Tully for information on company the Town used for the Office sign. The committee discussed moving the entrance sign to another location but determined the new sign should be placed in the same spot. It was also noted that the current sign was two-sided, but one side has broken off, and that the new sign should read “Town of Mendon Recreation Area.” The committee will put a list together for informational signage for parking lot, ballfield, basketball court, trail, and other areas.

An inspection of the parking lot, driveway, and road area was done – road area needs some tree work to increase viability from driveway entrance to road. Mendon Road Crew (MRC) will schedule tree work. The parking lot is well maintained; no water issues or potholes were found. Chris reported that asphalt pavement millings from another project in the Town will be added to the parking lot to improve and strengthen the surface.

Playground, Basketball & Pickleball courts – Playground is well maintained and in good order, woodchips do not need to be filled at this time, a topping off can be done in the Spring of 2026. Basketball court has some surface damage around the edge of court; markings are visible with no fading. Hoop net can be replaced – there is some damage to the ropes. A safety pole cover for the basketball hoop was damaged and the foam was disintegrated. Trish will look into getting a replacement net and safety pole cover. Pickleball line markers are faded almost invisible. The committee will investigate the price of new lines. A discussion to attract more people to use the Pickleball court included a suggestion to put a temporary fence up on the downslope side of the court to stop balls from rolling toward lower field. Also, it was mentioned that a portable net could be available for use.

Ballfield, dugout, tables, bleaches, and sheds were inspected – Shed that Town uses will be cleaned and reorganized. Tables have screws that are either missing or backing out and the ADA side of one table is bending. Lisa will contact Sara Tully to see if there is a warranty or something that the company where they purchased can suggest. Dugout needs some work done around the base of structure (an edger needs to be dugout to redirect water from base of structure, painting of structures also will need to be done. Chris/Leighton will investigate the prices of paint and other

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supplies needed. In-field needs new clay, base lines edged, and rototilled. Pitcher's mound needs to be regraded, and the grass needs to be aerated, reseeded, and fertilized. Outfield needs aerating, re-seeding, and fertilizing also. Leighton will contact landscapers to see the best way to manage the grass area. Chris will get prices on clay, a rototiller and other materials needed. It was mentioned that the teams did not do Spring maintenance this year. Bleachers will be removed (damage to seats) and stored till a solution for repair or replacement is made. Steve will contact the welders to see if repairs can be made and get a price for a replacement bleacher.

The committee walked part of the White Blaze Trail and was given a history of trail and usage restrictions by Larry. Chris explained how MRC walks trail and cuts/removes limbs and fallen trees from the pathways. They do not cut standing trees. Larry suggests that a sign can be made for the fork on the White Blaze to inform people that it is a loop and the milage should be on sign. Trish will follow up with Sara Tully to get contact information for the property owner with whom the town has an agreement for the maintenance and use of the trail system and obtain a copy of the agreement. Trish will also find out about liability/indemnification of committee members as they work on the projects in the recreation area.

The walkway gate will remain closed to discourage people from driving down the walkway and hopefully stop dumping of brush and trash. Gate remains unlocked but closed for safety – Emergency vehicle can gain access.

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

Items for next meeting – Committee to present information gather from above, set a priority list of tasks to complete with a timeline. Prepare what items will be submitted to the Selectboard for approval. Set dates for other meetings.

Trish called for adjournment of meeting at 6:20pm.

Submitted by Lisa Brooks – Secretary

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