

MENDON RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
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In-Person & Virtual
Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 5:30pm
Location: Mendon Town Office – 2282 US Route 4, Mendon, VT 05701

Attendees: Trish Molloy, Steve Molloy, Leighton Thayer, and Jesse Bridge – Town Clerk.

Members of the Public: None

Meeting Called to Order at 5:35 PM.

No additions/deletions to the agenda.

Minutes from September 22, 2025 meeting approved with edits from Trish.

Business:

Playground Inspections: The committee will complete inspections once per month from April to October, then two times between November and March. We will use a Low Frequency Inspection form from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns manual. Leighton will complete the November inspection and give input on modifying the form to better match our recreation area and its setup. Jesse will then create a master form for committee members to use. Trish will coordinate with Steve, Lisa, and Leighton to complete the inspection in subsequent months. A hard copy or scanned copy of the completed inspection form should be sent to Jesse who will add it to the committee's electronic file. Steve brought up an issue cited by the VLCT inspector – wood chips need to be added to cover six feet from the sides of the swing sets. Also, the inspector asked that the town replace a peeling sticker on the playscape that states the appropriate ages for using the playscape. Trish will follow up with Sara Tully on both issues.

Dugout Painting: The painting of the dugouts will be completed in the spring. Leighton also mentioned he has not been able to get a quote from Lawe's and Lawn Master companies regarding treatment of the ballfield grass but expects he will soon now that their busy season is over. Trish mentioned that the committee also plans to re-clay the base paths of the ballfield in the spring.

Winter Event: The committee plans to hold a winter carnival at the recreation area, date TBD on either Saturday, February 7 or Saturday February 28, with a rain date the next day (Sunday).

Proposed time frame is 2 PM to 5 PM. Leighton and Steve will be in charge of setting up sledding berms below the basketball court and setting up a bonfire in the lower field. Jesse will help with advertising on Facebook, Front Porch Forum, the town website, and through the town text alert system. Trish will follow up with Lisa on games and activities, giveaways, and refreshments – smores, hot cocoa, granola bars

Next meeting December 8, 2025, at 5:30pm Mendon Town Office.

Trish called for adjournment of meeting at 6:19 pm.

Submitted by Trish Molloy, Chair

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