

MENDON RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
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Virtual Only
Monday, April 27, 2026, 5:30pm

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

Members of the Public: None

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30pm.

Addition to Agenda – Trish requested to move item F – Initial discussion regarding the potential of a summer event at the park to item G and replace item F with Playground Inspection and Handicap Access. All approved.

Minutes from December 8, 2025, meeting approved.

Business:

Recap of Frost & Fire Event – Trish discussed the success of the event, a nice turnout of towns people attended, the weather was warm. The sledding hill was well attended; there were two ramps for children to utilize. Refreshments were served on the basketball court; a barn fire was also set up on the lower field. The bon fire was not well attended, possible due to the warm weather, next year might think about a Solo type of stove in place of the bon fire. Children enjoyed the snowball toss, snow painting, and scavenger hunt. Raffles we received well, prizes included tickets to a show at the Paramount Theater in Ruland. A review of all events and activities will be done to add or modify activities for next year if hosting event is again.

Ballfield work- Trish reported that Chris had 4 tons of sand/clay delivered for the ballfield resurfacing of the pitcher's mound and base lines. Joe Cassella and Nick Stanley laid the sand/clay with the equipment that Joe provided. 4 more tons of sand/clay needs to be ordered (Chris) and spread to complete the field. Trish said there may be a group available to spread sand/clay this Saturday. For future reference 8 tons of sand and clay are needed every few years to maintain a good infield. Jesse will give Trish a copy of the invoice.

Dugout – Trish will request from Sara a schedule of when the teams are using the fields so that a day can be picked to paint dugouts. Trish and Steve will purchase paint and supplies from Home Depot once a date is picked. Trish and Steve have installed new bleachers. Old bleachers are in the shed, and Chris will dispose of them.

Lawn treatment - Trish stated that Lawes from Brandon, VT will use 191919 fertilizer which has been used in the past and is an acceptable product in accordance with Vermont regulations. This work will be done in May when the weather warms up and the field dries out. Cost is around \$300.00 to \$350.00 for treatment.

As per Trish Leighton did an inspection in December, Trish & Steve did February and April inspections. Committee Members need to pick a month to do inspections. Schedule is as follows: November to April inspection needs to be done every 2 months and from May to October inspection

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needs to be done every month. Lisa will do it in May. Trish will request the inspection for December from Leighton so Jesse can make an electronic copy for easy access and import of reports. Steve mentioned that swings should be out of order due to an inspection by insurance carrier, the mulch around the swings is not wide enough it needs to be six feet out from support poles. Members of the public have removed the tape that was installed so that swings could not be used. Will retape again, waiting for Chis to do the work (digging and leveling ground for installation of mulch). Also, an ADA-approved ramp needs to be installed. Part of the inspection is to walk the trail and note hazardous conditions. The inspection should encompass the whole Recreation area. Steve will install basketball nets in a few weeks.

Summer Event – a discussion concerning hosting a Summer event. Historical Society will be hosting a July 4 event for the 250th at Town Hall, Recreation Committee will consider adding some activities to the event if needed. Leighton has been working on some ideas – food trucks, music, and other fun stuff. Trish will contact him to see where he is at with this. August is a possibility for an event. Committee needs to get a few new members involved to bring innovative ideas and energy.

Other Business - None

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

Submitted by Lisa Brooks – Secretary

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