

MENDON RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
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Virtual Only
Monday, June 1, 2026, 5:30pm

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

Members of the Public: None

Meeting Called to Order at 5:34pm.

Addition to Agenda – Lisa requested correction to remove In-person from heading and Item #3 change date of Minutes from 12-8-2025 to April 27, 2026.

Access. All approved.

Minutes from April 27, 2026, meeting approved.

Business:

Park Inspection – The inspections have been going well, May inspection was completed and submitted. Steve will do June, Leighton will do July and Trish will do August. Before inspecting, make sure that the newest version of the form is being used (as of May 2026) it is also available online for use on electronic devices.

Park Maintenance Up-date:

Trish - Painting of dugout is not a top priority, little league teams are still using field, also it is best to wait till weather is more of a consistent temperature with less chance of rain. Trish did request the schedule for usage of field and has not gotten any response as of this meeting. Leighton will assist; Steve and Trish when the painting begins.

Steve - will replace the missing bolt on the “round” picnic table (noted in May Inspection). Chris asked if the “round” tables that were “donated” belong to the Town and will be a permanent part of the park or are they on loan, he heard they were on loan. Trish was under the impression that they were the Towns and permanent but will check with the person who “donated” them.

Chris - ADA Complainant path work should start in a week or two, if all goes as planned. Copy of proposed path is attached, Chris said Google maps have not been updated to include new play structures. The path has areas for picnic tables and play equipment, swings and basketball court allowing for easy access. He will also move the ADA table to this area and put the “round” non - ADA table near the dugouts. Chris discussed the grading of the path to comply with regulations. The path will go around the play area pole with the rules so that it is still accessible to read from path. He will add a membrane layer to reduce weed growth. A discussion concerning the type of material to be used for path between Chris and Leighton – Surepak or Recycled Asphalt – Chris will investigate which product is best for this application, future maintenance and cost. Some tree work will need to be done. Trish and Chris will meet on Tuesday June 9th @ 9:00am, for a walk through the of area.

Chris – Mulch for insurance compliance and safety issues need to be purchased by Recreation. Leighton will reach out to Rutland City to see how and where they purchase the playground approved mulch. Chris needed clarification on weather Recreation Committee wants the mulch to keep the current shape with bump outs around support poles or make it more of a straight line from

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point pole to pole taking in consideration required 6-foot radius. Cris stated path is under his budget and purchasing mulch is under the Recreation budget.

Trish asked Jesse to see if the Recreation budget line items have enough money to cover the purchase of mulch. Jesse will get back to Trish with the information. She did state that any money would need to be spent by June 30th.

Park Event – Leighton spoke about the possibility of a Music in the Park type event, with a food truck and a band. Prices vary for a band or a one-person performer from \$250.00 and up and food trucks have a minimum price of sales that if not met that the Town would pay the difference up to that minimum fee and a possible ice cream truck. Town Line food truck minimum price is \$1200.00. West Rutland holds a similar event, and it is well attended and families enjoy it. Trish asked for some dates and possibly August 22nd or 29th, will have to check with other events being held in the area and if there are conflicts. Children will have the use of play equipment. Leighton will reach out to bands for prices and dates. Jesse will be looking into any conflicts and other food trucks. Trish thinks about \$1,500.00 should cover vendors and band. Trish will request that Sara put her on the Selectboard agenda for June 8th, 2026, to inform them of events and budgeting concerns.

Other Business - None

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Trish called for adjournment of meeting at 6:30pm.

Submitted by Lisa Brooks – Secretary

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