

HEATH PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

June 12, 2025 at 6:30-7:30 at Community Hall

MEETING Minutes:

Present: Michael Cucchiara (Chair), Shahid Jalil, Bob Dane, Ex-Officio Members: Pat McGahan, & Lyra Johnson. Absent: Don Lebreux & Chelsea Jordan-Makely

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** 6:40 PM
- **REVIEW/APPROVE Prior Meeting Minutes:**
 - MARCH 15, 2025 minutes – Bob Dane moved the motion, Shah Jalil seconded. Approved unanimously.

Pickleball & Other JR Initiatives Discussion

Pickleball Court Use Update - Pat

Heath players – 18 regulars, 3 occasional with 3 children

Other Towns – 8 regulars, 3 one-time guests of M Freeman, Bill Baker, John Clark

Total- 35 players

- Dog Poop Dispenser
Currently in Tim's office, Tim and Pat picked a location for it.
- Wood Chips for Jacobs Playground Update - Lyra
Select Board has adopted this. Robyn and Kyle spread the first load of chips, second has been delivered.
- Current Initiatives
 - Obtain a free ping pong table for Jacobs Road. Spoke to Tim about this initiative in May to discuss where it might be kept.
 - Setting up a badminton court at Jacobs Road at no cost.
The hope to set it up outside in the former preschool area.
 - Cleanup of the ball field at Jacobs Road
This entails removing any structures or building materials including the broken part of the backstop and the broken soccer frame. There was a discussion of the danger of the hanging part of the backdrop and the broken soccer field frames. Mike commented that a child was killed by a collapsing frame, so the priority is the backstop and the soccer frame. Awaiting Select Board approval.
 - Painting the pickleball lines in the gym
Rather than periodic taping, Pat has spoken to Tim and Tyson about the possibility of painting lines on the gym floor. The only cost should be the paint. This will require Select Board approval. Bob Dane mentioned that the Town has a line painter and also the need to use tape to prevent overspray.

MWTP Consortium Grant Updates:

- Wayfinding Project Update: The grant paid for 3 kiosks and signage for all the town roads. The placement of the center kiosk has visual issues for a neighbor and will be moved. P&R members took a walk outside to consider other locations. Three possible spots were chosen: (a) set back by the black chain link fencing on the left side when facing it, (b) parallel to the road by the last part of the post and rail fence coming from the center, (c) the same as (b) but perpendicular to the post and rail fence which will make it visible coming both ways.
- Town MWTP Grant: \$25k – Heath Fire Chief Request for UTV
P&R is putting in for a grant for the UTV. The UTV would have helped in the recent state of emergency. Also needed for the many people who get lost in the Catamount State Forest

Center Pickleball/Basketball Court and Playground

- Some pickleball players don't use the court because of the roughness of the surface.
- There was a discussion around using the P&R stabilization account towards resurfacing it.
- The playground equipment was looked at and it was determined that it needs to be upgraded.
- Members were asked to think of funding raising ideas and PRC grants were discussed.

Other Business Not Anticipated at least 48 hours in advance of meeting,

Pat asked if the protocol for initiatives was as follows: (1) bring it to P&R for discussion or approval as appropriate, (2) run it by Hilma & Tim to determine any issues or requirements, and (3) Bring it to the Select Board. This was verified.

Mike asked for a motion to approve spending the remainder of the P&R Expense Account on equipment before June 30. Bob moved the motion and Shah seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 7:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Pat McGahan