

**TOWN OF SUNAPEE
RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
TOWN MEETING ROOM, 23 EDGEMONT ROAD**

Members present:

Jamie Bourassa, Chair
Dan Whitmoyer, Vice Chair
Nick Grant
Ian Kirk
Nicole Cassidy
Brenda Balenger
Scott MacNamee

Members absent:

None

Others present:

Steve Bourque, Recreation Director

I. Call to Order

Mr. Bourassa called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Community Comments

There were no community members present and wishing to speak.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Whitmoyer moved to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2025, meeting as written. Ms. Balenger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Current Initiatives

A. Budget Update

Mr. Bourque updated the Committee on the Rec Department account balances.

B. Veterans Field Collaborative Master Planning Session

Mr. Bourque reported resurfacing will occur next week. Mr. Bourassa shared recommendations on pickleball court design. The Committee discussed the layout and agreed on three pickleball courts and a full basketball court, although they also agreed to let the professionals doing the work make the determination. They agreed that if,

during the Master Plan process, it is determined that this space be reoriented, that could be done in the future. They considered possible alternate locations for a basketball court, noting there has been community input that one is needed.

Mr. Whitmoyer reported the subcommittee met on September 13th and discussed long-range planning for Veterans Field, including possible locations for a playground. The Committee will meet with the Selectboard in November to present short-, mid-, and long-term plans for Veterans Field. They discussed funding and priorities, agreeing that a small playground was a priority. Mr. Bourque will obtain quotes to purchase equipment and remove trees to prepare the site.

Mr. Whitmoyer noted the Veterans Field development plan is posted on the website.

C. Review of Fall / Winter Calendar

Mr. Bourassa shared a calendar with events through the New Year. He proposed posting events and deadlines on the Project Sunapee calendar.

The Committee noted the cancellation of Cider Fest, and agreed to discuss at the next meeting how the recreation ordinance could be changed. They agreed that planning and clear communication is needed for successful recreation events. They also discussed possible Halloween events in the future.

The Committee agreed to discuss their involvement in the Christmas Village at the next meeting.

D. Basketball League Change

This topic was tabled for future discussion.

E. Turkey Trot

The Committee discussed how Hoptimystic could be involved in the Turkey Trot. Mr. Bourque said support with putting on the event is welcome.

F. Open Items

There were no open items.

VI. Next Meeting – October 15, 2025

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Grant moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Balenger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Haggeli
Recording Secretary