

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 9, 2023
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- 2 The regular Recreation Commission meeting was held Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at Stowe Arena starting at 5:00 P.M.
- 3 Members present: Lynn Altadonna, Ryan Thibault, Brett Loomis, Jared Annello, Forrest Shinnars, Lyn Goldsmith, Julian Roscioli-Barren, Matt Frazee. Absent: Dave Rogers Audience: Michael Diender, Bob Davison, Shap Smith, KC Chambers, Donna Adams
- 4 **5:00pm called to order. Agenda Approved**
- 5 **LA motioned to approve the minutes JA second**
- 6 **Memorial Park Study Update**
- 7 Matt informed that he and Harry Sheppard has a meeting with BRD following the last presentation at the July Rec Com meeting to narrow down the focus to primarily three options, one to see what could be achieved in the existing Memorial Park without any buildings or courts on the existing ball fields, another concept if a portion of the existing ball fields were used for the Rec Center and/or courts, and a third concept of the Parks operations being relocated and utilizing that property for a rec center and/or courts. Harry presented a drawing concept that he had been working on which is essentially option 2 above which has a rec center on existing ball fields and a basketball court. The concept only has room for 4 pickleball courts (no tennis) and has improved vehicle and pedestrian circulation. Allows for possibility of future second access road. Includes more parking. Raising of grades will be likely required for improved drainage in any scenario. Kindergarten wing of school needs to be raised also. Michael and Bob expressed 136'x128' 8 pickleball court required for tournaments and that 4 courts is not enough to meet current and future demand. General feedback is group appreciates the concepts and understands it will come down to what is able to be permitted and what is the cost, but feel that relocating Parks dept and developing the land out back is the desired outcome. Desire to have BRD present at least the three options including cost estimates so one option can be recommended to be moved forward to the Selectboard and voters this upcoming budget season for next phase capital project planning.
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- 9 **Capital Projects**
- 10 Matt presented a list of capital projects staff is considering for the upcoming budget season including Fences and gates in parks, database/inventory software for commentaries, Rec Path paving, historical building repairs for Riverbank, Memorial Wall for Riverbank, Memorial Park design and permitting. There was no other projects recommended for consideration and the group felt all the projects were worthy of further consideration. Matt said he will present more information to Rec com once quotes have been secured.
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- 12 **Other business**
- 13 Executive Session: discussed Town Plan and need to present information that is realistic and the importance of the rec com being unified and all in support of the same message. Forrest asked to have a review of the current Town plan for recreation on the next agenda

6:59p Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Matt Frazee