

Propose 01 Sept 7PM as next mtg date.

04 Aug 2026 Rec Committee Mtg Notes:

Public Comment (Items Not on the Agenda)

- Follow up from discussion with Selectboard
 - Reach out to Common Committee for a contribution – vote to spend up to \$5k Rec Committee funds and conduct a capital campaign so as to replenish. 2026 Turkey Trot shall be “Run for the Rink” . Actual expenditure of funds contingent on identifying volunteers willing and able to fabricate and paint the rink. Volunteers to lay liner and assemble TBD.
 - Plans for Ice Rink. Vote to identify volunteers to (1) fabricate and paint new rink boards; (2) to lay liner, retrieve from storage, set-up rink, maintain rink, drain rink, remove liner, take down boards and return to storage. #2 managed by rink coordinator, individual TBD.
 - Vote to spend up to \$200 on signs soliciting rink volunteers posted at Old Stage, Chapin, Osgood Hill, Cambridge, Milton/Westford and 128. 12 signs total.

- Conversation on TKD with Melissa

No action, Melissa not in attendance. Indefinitely deferred. Proposes month-to-month 90 min block after school on either Mon or Wed. Coordinator to request feasibility of using the school gym on Mon or Wed after school for 90 min starting n Oct.

Sponsor Booklet and Sign Up sheet

- Approve – approved by vote.
- Any specific mailing locations/preferred businesses

Rec Committee members suggest reviewing past Turkey Trot sponsors. Banks, credit unions, insurance agents. Focus on Essex and Essex Jct businesses.

- Turkey Trot
 - Set Date: November 21st, 2026 – approved by vote
 - Approve imagery for posting – approved by vote
 - Request for Turkey Trot coordinator to propose budget at Sept Mtg so it can be voted upon at that mtg.
- Fall programming
 - Program registration not on town website. No observed sign-ups, inadequately promoted, sign-ups unlinked.
 - Ben to email all Fairfax Fletcher Soccer League to discover age group feasibility with goal of posting on Thurs. Change site to extend registrations through 14 Aug deadline. Also: correctly link site.
 - Basketball registrations to start on Oct 01. Coordinator widely promotes, identifies coaches, researches adjacent youth basketball leagues and recommend Westford to join best candidate.
- Facebook page
 - Attempt to add a new one. Committee votes to start a new Facebook Westford Rec page, time spent to recover the incumbent is not worth it. Megan Orisko to deprecate incumbent. Name Westford Vermont Rec Committee.
- What events should we pursue
 - Committee votes to spend up to \$4k in support conservation committee disc golf course. Is conservation committee interested in 9- or 198-hole course.
 - Lori to investigate DR trimmer repair, committee votes to authorize \$200 repair. Coordinator to arrange use of town card for tax exemption.

Finances

- Coordinator to set up new chart of accounts with Treasurer to make budget more transparent and accountable such that programs debits/credits illustrate program P&L. Strongly recommend restoring use of budget codes so as to itemize expenditures. Ben to email coordinator and treasurer list of old codes.

Coordinator Availability

Coordinator must be present for committee meetings, ideally in person. Remote and asynchronous arrangements are failing. Willing to accept coordinators proposal for date or meeting, committee members willing to be flexible on dates for evening meetings. Must resume submission of itemized coordinator time sheets and treasurer approval of hours.