

HARTFORD PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES

Date | time 01/09/2025, 5:15 pm *Meeting called to order by* : David M. Crocco Jr.

Commission Members In Attendance

Allison Childs, David M. Crocco Jr., Tom McCleary, Joseph Denny, Brett Mayfield, Nikki Boyle

Commission Members Absent

None

Others in Attendance

Scott Hausler, Director, Mary Erdei, Selectboard Liaison

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Brett Mayfield (with corrections – Joseph Dennings name misspelled). Seconded by: Joseph Denny _____

In Favor _____ All _____ Opposed _____

The motion was Approved or Disapproved? Approved _____

Citizen Comments

None

Commission Member Comments

None

Directors Report

See Directors Report – Public skate was well attended over the holiday break. Many non-residents were in attendance. Santa Skate, also, was well attended. Youth basketball is in full swing.

Scott reported that over 380 responses to the Community Center Survey have been received.

Scott says that currently much of the Parks and Recreation Department's staff's time is being spent working on the town's CAPRA (Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies) re-accreditation. There are 152 standards that have to be met. The deadline for re-accreditation is January 15. A sit-down meeting with CAPRA staff towards accreditation will be held sometime in May. This will be the 4th CAPRA accreditation that Scott has been involved in. He mentioned that the process gets harder each time. Brett asked if other municipalities follow the same standards (not sure). Scott said being an accredited CAPRA agency

provides checks and balances to a recreation program. For example, one of the standards requires a plan to show a municipality is working to make all parks and recreation places ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant.

Upcoming events: 2/1 Fishing Derby, 2/8 Red Zone 5K Fun run/walk, 2/15 Valentine's Dance for Daughters, 2/15 Mom & Son Day of Fun.

Old Business

Discussed Community Center Survey results. Scott mentioned he thought you need to have at least a 4% response rate from town residents for survey to be valid. Sampling is a random sample of the Grand List for the town. Scott said he was pleased with the response to the survey. Scott emphasized that the survey was just to find out what residents' interest in a community center is, not how to pay for it. There will probably be follow-up surveys done. Allison mentioned about possibly getting a retired consultant involved to help design a survey. Scott mentioned that a list of at least 100 names of people, businesses and organizations should be compiled to sponsor the design and construction of a community center. *Brett made a motion to accept for the record results of the community center survey to date, 2nd by Joe, all approved.* Brett stated that the Hartford Resiliency Building Committee is very much in favor of having a Community Center. They feel that it will help in improving wellness of the town's residents.

Needle drop boxes – Brett dropped two needle boxes off at the Recreation Department. Boxes will be installed later this spring.

Lyman Point Park Project – Scott and staff will continue to work with Park Architects. Scott wants to get plenty of community input into the design and renovation of this park.

Great Hydro FERC (Federal Regulatory Commission) damn re-licensing – Joe asked if there was any decision yet on the Town of Hartford getting re-imbursed for maintenance work we provide in Kilowatt north and south. Scott mentioned that Norwich, Lebanon, Hartford and Connecticut River Conservancy are all interested parties to Great-Hydro's re-licensing for Wilder Dam operations. Scott said it may be years until word received on FERC re-licensing decisions.

New Business

Dates for 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission meetings: 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12, no meeting July 8/14, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13 and 12/11. *Joe made a motion to accept, 2nd by Brett, all approved.*

A list of Liaisons to other Town of Hartford committees were appointed: Allison – Planning and Zoning, Mary Erdei liaison from Selectboard, Joe – Youth Programs (possibly), Tom – Conservation Commission. *Brett made a motion to approve list, Nikki 2nd, all approved.*

The owner of the Dataman business property in Wilder has approached the Town of Hartford about selling the property to the town.

No agenda items for the next meeting were stated.

Next Meeting

2/13/25, 5:15 pm, Municipal Building

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Brett Mayfield at 6:24 pm

Seconded by: ___Joe Denning_____

All in Favor: _____all_____

Opposed: _____none_____

Respectfully submitted by: ___Thomas McCleary_____



Date: ___1/14/2025_____

Hartford Parks & Recreation Commission Members

Chair: David M. Crocco Jr. (4/1/2027)

Vice Chair: Allison Childs (04/04/2025)

Clerk: Tom McCleary (03/08/2027)

Member: Brett Mayfield (05/16/2025)

Member: Nikki Boyle (04/04/2025)

Member: Joeseeph Denny (03/11/2027)

1 VACANT Position

Selectboard Liaison: Mary Erdei

