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Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes February 11, 2026
7:00PM, at 31 Arbor Way

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Boscarino, Sherry Kraus, Shay Drake, Cheri Murphy, Kevin Hayes.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dustin Huguenin, Director of Recreation, Mary M. Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation, Kevin Barrett, Recreation Supervisor, Robert Gorman, Program & Event Specialist, Jaimie Boucher, Board of Selectman Liaison.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commission Member Tom Boscarino called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

II. CORRESPONDENCE: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15, 2025 Special Meeting

MOVED (DRAKE) SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 15, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM: None

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None

VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dustin Huguenin informed the commission that the town would like the commission to consider making a statement of support for a plan to plow parks after snowfall, prioritizing parks with trail access. The commission is open to making a joint recommendation with trails committee but would like more specific information about the plan and which parking lots are going to be cleared.

Dustin also updated members on the ongoing basketball season. Ellington basketball numbers have remained consistent, outside of girls' 7th and 8th grade. Dustin Huguenin informed the rec commission that this issue is not unique to Ellington, with our girls' 5th & 6th program being larger than surrounding towns.

Commission members were updated on the status of spring and summer activities, including the glow in the dark egg hunt event scheduled for March 30. Mr. Huguenin also shared information about the effort to add more enrichment programs, with Food Explorers and Chess Wizards having started at the beginning of February.

Recreation Supervisor, Kevin Barrett, informed commission members that applications are now open for a new teen leadership program intended for July.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance: None
- B. Maintenance: None
- C. Operations: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Budget Presentation: Dustin Huguenin updated commission members on his intended budget presentation. Mr. Huguenin informed the commission that the Recreation Department serves roughly 25% of Ellington residents with consistently increasing levels of satisfaction.

X. ADJOURN:

MOVED (HAYES) SECONDED (DRAKE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 8:29PM.

Submitted by:



Robert Gorman