



Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
Community Room, 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468
In Person and/or Via Zoom

Members Present: Ryan Bushey, Rod Moore, Betsy Paret, Fran Tougas
(Kim Thompson present via Zoom)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Hannah Luman, Ben Nappi

Others Present: Diane Barrows (Remote) Brandy Companion, Erica Guralnick, Cassandra Lafayette, Ben Miller

I. Call to Order

Rod called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

II. Amendments to Agenda

None

III. Public Forum

None

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Recreation Commission Meeting on January 17, 2026

**Motion made by Fran to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2026 with a second by Betsy.
Motion approved unanimously.**

V. Downtown Core Master Plan Workshop Presentation by Cassandra, Planning and Zoning staff member

Downtown Core Master Plan (Phase II) workshop to be hosted March 14, 2026 from 10AM – 2PM, Recreation Commissioners, staff and some other boards and commissions have been invited as well. Commissioners asked to bring photos of other areas they like and feel would be a good fit for Downtown Milton.

VI. Recreation Department Information

A. Updates (No questions asked regarding Directors Note)

Fran asked how the Outdoor Recreation Day at the state house went, and about the Lunch and Learn Front Porch Forum training was. Ben and Hannah both attended Outdoor Rec Day in Montpelier and had lunch with the Milton Representatives and were able to meet with other people in the field, advocate for Recreation initiatives and attend breakout sessions. Ben noted that the governor also announced that the VOREC Grant would not be funded as much this year due to the need to shift focus to education initiatives.

B. Recap of Events, Upcoming Events

Upcoming: Winter Festival, Egg Hunt, Green Up Day, Memorial Day,

C. Topic of Interest: Egg Hunt Planning, Preparation, Day of Event

Rod requested that Hannah and Ben begin tracking approximately how much time the preparation of events takes for community awareness. Hannah estimated the Egg Hunt is probably approximately 40 hours altogether of preparation time. Historically eggs were prepared by volunteers but will be purchased pre-filled starting this year. Sponsorships to pay for the event have been secured already, and marketing has begun.

VII. Friends of Milton Recreation Update (See meeting packet)

VIII. Milton Recreation Commission Report

D. Commission Project Report(s)

Rod and Betsy met and discussed the Recreation Master Plan and potential of writing it as a commission instead of utilizing a vendor. Rod asked the commissioners if they would all commit to helping with the outreach portion to gain community feedback. Ryan shared that he plans to step down from the commission, as his schedule is very full with other volunteer work at this time. Ben noted that the last Recreation Master Plan took the vendor around a year to complete, with extensive support from the staff.

Motion made by Betsy to do the Recreation Master Plan including all community outreach and writing of the report as a commission, with a second by Fran. Motion approved unanimously.

Fran has been working with Hannah to add more Red Cross certification trainings to the spring program list, and shared that the need for a screen or projector in the Grange upstairs would help increase the amount of people who could take the classes at a time, and be an asset to other programs as well. Betsy and Fran

IX. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

X. Adjournment

Motion made by Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., with a second by Fran. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned by Rod.

All documents pertaining to this meeting may be viewed using the following link:

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A video recording of this meeting can be found at the following location:

Minutes recorded and submitted by Hannah Luman, Director of Milton Recreation & Parks

APPROVED
MINUTES: _____

Rodrick Moore, Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Milton Town Clerk

Filed this day with the Milton
Town Clerk's Office.