

FALLS VILLAGE RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12th, 2026 – 6:30pm

Present members: Catherine Wales, Chris Wadsworth, Matt Gallagher, Dan Carr & Elizabeth Rhoades.
Members of the public: Mark Arland, Greg Marlowe & Mark Gozonsky.

1. Call to Order

Chair Catherine Wales called the Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Public comment

Mark Arland and Mark Gozonsky introduced themselves. Mark Gozonsky mentions his interest to become a Recreation commission member.

3. Approval of meeting minutes from

Elizabeth Rhoades made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15th, 2026 Regular Meeting. Matt Gallagher seconded the motion. Unanimous.

4. Commission Business

a. Pool surface patch repair

Discussion and no action taken

b. Fountain repair – Up to \$1000.00 – From line item 4001-352

Chris Wadsworth made a motion to approve a spend of up to \$1000 for the pool fountain repair. Seconded by Matt Gallagher. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Pool resurfacing – begin fund raising for \$135,000.00

Matt Gallagher made a motion to begin a search for grant funding to raise money for the pool resurfacing with a goal to be able to resurface in the next two to three years. Seconded by Dan Carr. Motion carried unanimously. A note was made that once the money is raised, we would re-request quotes from at least 3 potential vendors

d. Gaga pit

On hold till we have a confirmed plan in place for the installation

e. Pavilion

Matt Gallagher made a motion to approve the Pavillion drawings / dimensions and the location of the pavilion. Discussion: A request to change the wall height to be 10'. Seconded by Elizabeth Rhoades. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Discuss and approve closing date for the pool

Dan Carr made a motion to follow the pool schedule as presented by the Pool Supervisor. Seconded by Matt Gallagher. Unanimous.

Dan made a motion to request to the Board of Selectmen to hire Peyton Bushnell. Seconded by Matt Gallagher. Motion carried unanimously.

A note was made by the Pool Supervisor that we may operate on some days with a reduced lifeguard count and potentially limit the patron entry if necessary.

g. Additional compensation for Lifeguards

i. Will the commission provide gift cards to LG's that work on July 4th (limited hours), now and going forward? If so, what \$ amount?

Dan Carr made a motion to provide \$50 gift cards to lifeguards that work July 4th and Labor Day for 2026 and going forward. Matt Gallagher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ii. Review LG compensation for unexpected change in their schedule, weather or otherwise – specifically July 21st power outage.

iii. Chris Wadsworth made a motion to provide half pay for the remaining scheduled hours of lifeguards affected by the July 21 power outage, and to apply the same approach in the future when an unforeseen closure occurs after lifeguards have reported for a scheduled shift. Dan Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Financials & Budget Review

- a. Discussion and possible action- Town Treasurer in attendance for Q&A – *new budget line items to propose.*

Dan made a motion to approve new budget line items

- Cleaning
- Merch & Marketing
- Miscellaneous
- Pavillion & Field events
- Pool Supervisor salary

And to merge budgets 211, WI-213 and 213 into one line item. Seconded by Matt Gallagher. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Recreation Director Report

Reports were presented

7. Pool Supervisor Report

Reports were presented

8. Chairperson Updates

- a. Commission priorities – Discussed and by consensus agreed current goals: Keep the Town Farm open year-round. Increase awareness through events and collaborations with a focus of bringing the community together through appreciation of what the community has to offer.

- b. Event Planning –

By consensus agreed that an earlier time for the Fall Festival 11-2pm would be suitable based on other events in the nearby area. Focus on our goals to increase collaborations, extend the use of the farm during this event.

- c. Possible recommendation of new commission members to board of selectmen

Dan made a motion to recommend the appointment of Mark Gozonsky to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Melissa Lopes, for the remainder of the existing term beginning September 1, 2026 and ending November 30, 2027, to the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Matt Gallagher. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Other updates –

The FVRC would like to thank Therese Palmer, Marie Hewins and the Spirit of Shae for the planters. They look great.

- e. Discussed FVRC merchandise

9. Any other business to properly come before the Recreation Commission

10. Public Comment: Greg Marlowe expressed his support for merchandise. He thanked the Commission and Recreation Director for their efforts. Provided feedback on the price of the pool entry fee. Suggested offering different payment options.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

Next regular meeting:

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026 - 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted

Catherine Wales

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