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Town of Durham – Board of Recreation Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026 7 p.m.

Durham Community Center – Room One

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Call to Order/Roll Call: 7:01 p.m.

Present: Jane Eddleston, Pam Carey, Brian MacDuff, Rita Van Steenberg, Kim Johansen, Janet Morganti, Chris Balay, Mallory Castro, online, Dave Mastroianni, 7:13.

Absent: Stephanie Fisher, Kathy Marzano

Pledge of Allegiance led by Janet M.

Seating of Alternates: Brian MacDuff seated for Stephanie F.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Chris B., second by Brian M. Motion passed

Approval of January 8, 2026 minutes: Motion by Chris B., second by Pam C. Motion passed with Brian MacDuff abstaining.

No Public to comment

Easter Egg Hunt planning: We will stuff eggs on Thursday, March 26th. Janet will reserve room with Carolyn H.

Old Business:

National Fitness Campaign Update-Janet recapped how Morgan Perry, Durham Social Services Director, was contacted by the NFC representative, Renee Frangione. Morgan and First Selectman Brendan Rea, thought the project was more related to recreation and brought it to us.

- Janet M. explained phone conference with Rep Renee F., Brian M. and Dave M.
- Cost of small project would be around \$160,000.
- NFC would give us around \$35,000 and we would need to come up with funding for the rest through grants and other ways.
- There was a robust conversation about getting a splash pad for summer campers and sports teams that may be used more. Try to do both NFC pad and splash pad possibly next year.
- Explore funding through local donations.
- Committee was agreeable that this project would be good for Durham.
- Discussion included collaborating with RSD 13.
- Janet M. will do more research and speak with Vanessa Bautista, health director, in Wallingford who coordinated the effort for their exercise pad.

National Night Out: Janet M. spoke with Trooper Stefan Inglis who will reach out to the Middlefield Troopers to see if they are interested in hosting and if they are interested in collaborating with Durham.

Picnic Tables: Dave M.

- Reach out to Public Works to try and get a commitment from Town to fund tables.
- Reach out to Eagle Scouts and other volunteers who need service hours.
- Reach out to local businesses for donations/sponsorship.

Canopies for slides:

- Expensive.
- This would probably require a conversation with the Board of Finance.
- Explain the need.
- If we had them, they would need to be removed during bad weather.

Winter Market update: Dave M.

- There are 2 markets left; February 21, and March 7.
- They are doing well.
- Dave has recruited a few vendors to offer classes in their areas of expertise at the community center.

Recreation Director Updates: Brian Medeiros

- Summer Camp-There will be 2 sessions offered.
- Four days a week.
- Option for parents to register for 2 days a week.
- Summer Fun Runs: application submitted to RSD 13.
- A good variety of programs for adults and children are being scheduled and will be up on the rec desk.
- Brief discussion about collaborating programming with Middlefield, who wishes to charge Durham residents more as out-of-town participants.
- Several bands already on board for summer concerts; need a few more. Concert series will be extended to August 27th.
- America 250-We have been asked to help with vintage game ideas for town picnic on June 7th.

New Business: See splash pad conversation.

No Public Comment

Miscellaneous:

- Women's Softball equipment all set.

Adjournment: 8:56 pm-Motion Chris B. 2nd Brian MacDuff. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janet Morganti