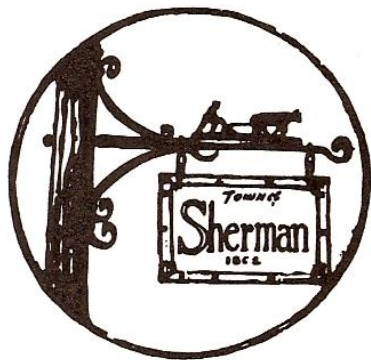




SHERMAN PARK AND RECREATION

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Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Minutes of Regular Meeting October 5, 2026

Present:

Fran Frattini - Chairman
T.J. Fazzone
Bill Teman
Kris Fazzone
Patrick Dillett
John Wrenn - Director
JodiAnn Eure - Program Coordinator

Absent:

Stephen Frattini
Stan Greenbaum

Guests: Nicole Correa, Paul Pacchiana, and one member of the public

Call to order:

Chairman Fran Frattini called the October 5, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission to order at 7:15pm.

Pavilion and Facilities Applications:

Mr. Wrenn advised that the Sherman School would like to use the Gazabo for school pictures date T/B/D *TJ Fazzone made a motion to approve the use of the Gazebo at Veterans' Field for school pictures on "picture Day" a date to be determined. Bill Teman seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor.*

Minutes from September 14, 2026 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2026 Sherman Park and Recreation Commission meeting as written was made by Patrick Dillett, seconded by Bill Teman and the motion was voted with all in favor.

Community/Eagle Scout Project Presentation/Updates:

Nicole Correa, a Senior at Shepaug Valley High School presented the proposal for her Senior Project which is to place emergency markers along the trails from Colonial Park to the Town Park to help first responders more easily identify a person's location in an emergency. This is a "Safe Trail" system and helps to speed up emergency response. Markers would be either on a post or a tree every two hundred feet along the trails. There would be a large sign at each trail head explaining the "Safe Trail" system in use on the trails. Ms. Correa gave an overview of the project and answered any questions regarding the project. Mrs. Frattini asked if she would need any financial assistance from Park and Recreation and she advised that

there is a Senior Project Fund at the High School that should cover any costs she incurs. Mrs. Frattini added if there were any expenses not covered to advise the Commission. Mrs. Frattini also asked that she submit a mockup of the large sign prior to having them printed for Commission approval and Mrs. Frattini also asked Kris Fazzone if he would be Ms. Correa's Park and Rec contact for the project, he agreed. Ms. Correa noted that the project should be completed by May.

With no further discussion, *TJ Fazzone moved to approve and accept Nicole Correa's Senior Project to place emergency markers along the trails from Colonial Park to the Town Park, seconded by Kris Fazzone and voted with all in favor.*

Mrs. Frattini thanked Ms. Correa for thinking of Park and Recreation for her project and wished her well. Ms. Correa left the meeting at 7:30PM along with the member of the public.

Public Comment:

Paul Pacchiana introduced himself and gave a small bio on his Pickleball teaching experience, noting that he has been assisting the present pickleball teacher who is leaving. After some discussion about teaching both adults and children, *Bill Teman made a motion to approve Paul Pacchiana as the Sherman Park and Recreation Pickleball teacher, seconded by TJ Fazzone and voted with all in favor.*

Mr. Pacchiana left the meeting at 7:45PM

Correspondence:

Mrs. Frattini advised that she had received an email and also spoken to Bill McCann, Chair of the Conservation Commission, regarding a sign (same as our sign at Munch Meadow) that will say "**Sherman Pollinator Pathway Garden**" in green with gold letters. He also requested the installation of two small benches In Memory Of Colette Shulman and Rolf Maetin two very dedicated members of the Conservation Commission and very involved in the garden. After some discussion, *TJ Fazzone moved to approve the Conservation Commission request for two benches and the sign at the Pollinator Garden on Veterans' Field, seconded by Parick Dillett. Discussion that the benches should be secured but removable. With no further discussion, the Motion was voted with all in favor.* The Conservation Commission will be advised that they have the go ahead.

Program Coordinator Report:

JodiAnn Eure shared her program report, including the following:

Current programs:

1. Mindful Movements and Pilates are going well.
2. Tiny Tots has good numbers, and so far, they have not been rained out.

Upcoming programs:

1. Music Time With Miss Cheryl will be running holiday theme programs i.e. October, November and December.
2. Festival of Lights this coming holiday season, right now the Commission for the Arts will not be joining Park and Rec and Ms. Eure is in the planning stages.
3. The Zombie and Survivor Run is in two weeks and only has 12 signed up. Discussion on safety followed with it being noted that Zombies can only be at the Track or at the Town Park, they cannot be on any part of the road. As all signed up are children it appears that some funds may be needed. Therefore, *Patrick Dillet made a motion that the Commission will have a five-hundred-dollar limit for expenses for the Zombie Run, seconded by Bill Teman and voted with all in favor.* Mr. Wrenn noted he needed the list of supplies by Wednesday.
4. Discussion on the Annual Halloween Bash followed. TJ Fazzone made a motion that Park and Recreation would sponsor the Annual Halloween Bash if Barbara Richardson should ask in writing for sponsorship. Seconded by Bill Teman and voted with all in favor.

Director's Report:

John Wrenn reported the following:

- a. The Boat drawing was on Saturday with 62 eligible for the 57 slips – so there are 5 on the wait list at this time.
- b. The checking account information was shared and discussed

- c. He reported that he had sought two additional estimates for the fence work on Veterans' Field discussed last month and received only one reply, that was forwarded to the BOS who approved the project.
- d. ASP and Earlybird are holding their own.
- e. Mr. Wrenn will have his annual summer program report including field trip information at the November meeting.
- f. Mr. Wrenn advised that the boat owners in the Town docks have been advised to have their boats out earlier this year as FirstLight plans an early drawdown.

Facilities Reports/Maintenance and Repairs:

Fran Frattini noted all facilities are in good order and getting ready to be buttoned for winter.

- a. There was no update on the boat dock project however there is still hope that Park and Recreation will be able to share some of the CLA's dock space.
- b. There was a discussion about rules for use of the Old School/Scout House.
- c. Discussion on having a Park and Recreation representative on the Senior Center Building Committee followed. As both Stan Greenbaum and Patrick Dillet have been attending their meetings one or both would be a good choice but it was noted that Mr. Dillet is here through the winter and would therefore be available to attend the meetings. Mr. Lowe will pursue the appointment to the SCBC to keep communication open between the Committee and the Commission.

Old Business/New Business:

- a. The 2026/2027 budget is on trac. Preparations for the 2027/2028 fiscal year's budget will be coming up soon.
- b. There is still a need to follow through with discussions about the facilities and grounds improvement workshop suggestions at a later meeting.

Any and All Business to come before the Commission:

- a. Mrs. Frattini reminded the Commission that November is election of officers.
- b. She also noted that the 2027 meeting dates will be formalized at the November meeting other than October which will be on the first Monday all meetings will be on the second Monday. She asked the members to review if there were any known conflicts that could addressed on the schedule.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Bill Teman made a motion to adjourn October 5, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Sherman Park and Recreation Commission. Patrick Dillet seconded and the motion was voted with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

T.J. Fazzone
Park and Recreation Secretary

Minutes are from notes of Commission Chairman

The next Park and Recreation Commission regular meeting is scheduled on November 9, 2026

*These minutes are not considered official until they have been approved.
at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission*