



TOWN OF WINCHESTER – CITY OF WINSTED

Town Hall – 338 Main Street
WINSTED, CONNECTICUT 06098

WINCHESTER RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MEETING MINUTES

September 2nd, 2026

Call to order 7:03 pm

Members in attendance: Joe Holcomb, Anne Holland, Kurt Williams, Kurt Root, Brian Shaughnessy, Ken Kazlauskas, Diane Ransom, Victor Dubourg

Joe Holcomb , Anne Holland (Leave early 7:50 pm) : K.Williams completing meeting minutes notes

Absent: Brian Sundie, Beth Whitney

Rec Director: Tanya Risucci

Agenda Review: 9/2/2026: Add under new business: Fund 15 & Sports Management (WYS & WYBS)

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 8/5/2026- Amend Brandon Fields is *Not allowed to coach in Winsted youth sports. Motion to accept Joe, 2nd by Ken, unanimous

Public Comment: None

Directors Report:

- Brad Burcroff gave notice to resign from the Rec board-we are down to 10 members-need more members (at least 2-3)
- Talked to Kurt Werner (Board of Ed) about communication with the elementary schools
- Attended adult softball game-need to have stronger communication about alcohol while playing
- During October meeting need to have board officers' nominations to be voted on in November.
- Need to go over our project list - to update
- Need to go over by laws and ordinance review over the next couple of meetings

Directors Report/Programs:

- Summer programs have wrapped up-Everything went well
- Pavilion was put up at Rowley/Gaylord-need to grate around the pavilion-tables be donated
- Green Building coming along-Jeff has a full office with computer
- All flyers out for fall except for after school art program
- New principle at Pearson-in communication for programs

- New skating program through the Rec program
- Craft fair going well and its going through October
- 1 usage for Ryan Field-Walk for Carrie in October
 - Karen using the parking lot and field for end of walk starting at LRB-with food trucks
- Baseball has reserved Walker and Ryan field for fall ball through the next couple of weekends
- Fireman's carnival went well
- Tim McGrane helping with soccer wall
- Concert at green in September
- New Pavillion concrete floor being installed .

Tatros Pond- Open/Close Times

- Sign needs to be changed from dusk to dawn to dawn to dusk for open/close
- Jersey barrier going up November 15th
- Playscape signage needs to go up with rules and regulations

Old Business:

- Adult Softball rules/code of conduct review
 - Drinking during games
 - Two players suspended and are sitting out next game
 - Real shoes
 - Rules need to be enforced-fall league starts 9/14
 - At the umpires meeting reenforce no alcohol in dugouts. Signs? Umpires enforcing? Have players sign rules?
- Little League fence replacement
 - Outfield fence replacement
 - Grant writing
 - 2 Fence replacement quotes from Pleasant Valley Fence and Cape Cod Fence
 - Rec board agreed that this is a replacement of town owned facility infrastructure that board needs to own and pay for . Kurt W and Tanya will follow up with Mike B from WYL to discuss further .

New Business:

- Fund 15- \$40,000 to give back to town
 - Need to spend to get major projects list moving and checking them off
 - Email project list for next month

- 3 items discussed for funding approval from 015 Account totalling \$14,400
 - \$4100 Additional fence for Tatro Park Playground
 - \$2500 Welcome to Winsted Wall Sign Improvement :Below Skatepark
 - \$7800 Infield drag machine
- Motion to approve funding for 3 items Kurt Williams: Unanimous
- Programs that are their own entity
 - Men's softball-loses money/barely breaks even
 - Rec soccer and baseball/softball is in the green
 - Need further discussion on potential payment for field usage for above programs . Overall Rec Maintenance budget are burden with field prep costs while other programs contribute via usage fee that end up in 015 account.

Adjournment: 8:10pm

Motion by Kurt Root . Seconded by Ken Kazlauskas : Unanimous

Next Meeting October 7th, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Holland/Kurt Williams

Winchester, CT Recreation Department Board Secretary & Chairman

