



Waterford Recreation and Parks Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026 @ 4:30 pm

Members in attendance: E. Murphy, T. Santos, N. Scheiber, B. Kyne, T. Stino, B. Tuneski (Finance Liaison)

Members Absent: T. Burrows, E. Benvenuti

Staff: R. McNamara, T. Cieplik, N. Clack, E. Sullivan

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum:

Chairman E. Murphy called to order the regular scheduled meeting at 4:30 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by B. Kyne and seconded by N. Scheiber to approve the August 25, 2026 meeting minutes.

Vote: 5-0-0 Motion: Approved

Public Comment:

Members of the Abbiati family came to express their deep interest in a honoring their father with a family bench in front of the Waterford Community Center. The family has been doing a water stop for 64 years during the John Kelly Road Race. The bench would be the ½ way mark of the race and a great location for those runners/walkers to rest and get a cup of water. The Abbiati family plans to pay for the bench and a plaque in their family's honor for all to enjoy.

Correspondence:

All correspondence was read.

Staff Reports:

R. McNamara, Director - Director McNamara had a CIP meeting with First Selectman and Finance Director and the end of Sept/Oct will be the scheduled install for pavilion at the children's playground in the civic triangle. The quote has been received for the Pleasure Beach Boardwalk that is still over the allotted 147k. Planning to go back to engineer to design lower cost options. May have to go for an additional appropriation. Leary Park playground met with the vendor and we are looking at an accessible playground for 185k. To keep costs down we would be removing the old equipment ourselves. Maintenance has caught up and doing a lot bagging at most locations. Ballfield renovations and winterization prep has begun post Fall Ball. Planning to bring in a seasonal maintainer from April - September to keep us up to date for next year so we do not have to pull anyone off ballfields. RTM subcommittee approved our plan to increase our beach rates and will now be moved to the RTM. Recreation and Parks has taken over the War Park brick orders and installation operation.

N. Clack, Program Coordinator - First Selectman's Annual Pickleball Tournament was held on September 19, 2026 and was a huge success. Next year we will look for more sponsors and food trucks/bbq area for viewers. Programs are all running smoothly. Special Events are in place with Harvest Festival (10/10), Addy's Run (10/18), Trunk or Treat (10/18), Pearl Harbor Road Race (12/5) and Tree Lightings (12/11 & 12/12). The program booklet for winter/spring has been started. Printing is on a 2-1/2 week turnaround time. Aquatics has 4 full roster classes that have been delayed and rescheduled due to the lack of lifeguards at the pool. It was recommended to send an email to parents of juniors and seniors for those that want to take the course or have a job as a lifeguard. B. Kyne offered to bring concern to the BOE.

Personnel: All positions are filled

Youth Sports Council: T. Cieplik and N. Clack met with Basketball and there is change in leadership with T. Thurlow and J. Miner. T. Stino would like to get a subcommittee meeting set up as soon as possible and also for all to go see the Quaker Hill fields as a Commission.

Long Range Planning: No update

Policy and Procedures: B. Kyne has offered to help work on the subcommittee. A meeting will be scheduled for October 27th at 4 pm.

Board of Ed: B. Kyne reported the BOE is happy with all the work our maintainers are doing around the highschool.

Board of Finance: B. Tuneski reported all is going well.

Historical Society: None

O'Neil Theatre: No update

Senior Services: Senior Day at the beach

New Business:

Put on agenda for next meeting (October) - slate for elections and committees.

Adjournment:

Motion made by B. Kyne and seconded by T. Santos to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Vote: 5-0-0 **Motion: Approved**

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Sullivan
Recording Secretary