

Brighton Recreation Committee Meeting

Minutes – May 14, 2025

Present: Heather McElroy, Mike Strait, T Alabarces, Maria Perry, Katie Mientka

1. Call Meeting to Order. Heather called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.
2. Update Agenda. No updates.
3. Financial Updates. The Recreation Committee has approximately \$34,000 in its account. Increases in spending is expected in the coming months, particularly for Pond-a-Thon.
4. Park Revival. Volunteers fluffed wood chips and put out some summer equipment. The playground structures were soft washed, and new playground chips were delivered on 5/14/2025. Thanks to the Road Department for putting the new equipment shed together.
5. Summer Equipment Program. The committee will put out pickleball gear when the lines are put down on the court. Other items, such as basketballs, volleyballs, and shuffleboard equipment have been put out for free use.
6. Tennis Court. Brighton Fire Department has agreed to help the committee wash the tennis court. This is tentatively planned for Monday, May 19, 2025. Thank you, BFD!
7. State Park Pass Grant. We weren't awarded this grant. However, many Brighton residents are eligible for free day passes through a new State pilot program.
8. Hot Dog Sales. Heather proposed selling the hot dogs leftover from the Playground Renewal at the Forum's Car Show on June 28, 2025. The committee agreed.
9. Summer Programming Updates. The committee is planning a Full Moon Kakay, bike ride in the O'Conte, paddleboard clinic, adult pickleball clinic, and possibly a child's pickleboard clinic. We will pay NorthWoods to do a child's archery program in town on Friday, July 18 at X. We will also hold an adult's axe throwing event at NorthWoods on Friday, July 25 at 6:00.
10. Paddle Challenge Update. The stickers for the Paddle Challenge have arrived. Those participating can pick up at Pond-a-Thon or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Brighton Rec. The committee is working on creating posters to advertise and updating the website with info.
11. Women's Weekend Thoughts. Tabled.
12. Pond-a-Thon. Sponsor letter is complete and will be sent out. T-shirt pricing is complete. There will be a registration form on the rec website. Police coverage will be provided under the

town's contract with Essex County Sheriff's Department. In lieu of having Newport Ambulance hold in town for the duration of the event, we will ask them to station here to mitigate that cost.

13. Volunteer Solicitation. Ongoing efforts, focusing on engaging people at events/activities and soliciting as-needed volunteers.

14. Other Business. A community member volunteered to return redeemable bottles/cans if collected at the Recycling Center. Mike approved this as a drop location.

15. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.