

Atkinson Recreation Commission

Minutes - Monthly meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2026, 7:00 pm at Atkinson Community Center

Attendance: Cris, Jim, Tricia, Noriko, Ted Stewart (Director of DPW)

As DPW Director Ted presence, we moved the parks and fields agenda first.

1. Parks and fields –
 - 4 Baseball fields maintenance - new contractor Mission Turf for opening fields for Spring 2026.
 - CIP / Ground improvement and playground system replacement – many discussions for dirt parking lot, baseball fields, playground, but nothing was decided.
 - Ted will give us DPW's support for CIP projects to be finished – playground area drainage project, Tree cutting, basketball court improvement.
 - Communication board instalment at the Tykes Tower request by Community Crossroad – Art Barbuto. Delivery was delayed.
 - DPW will be installing.
 - Permit and usage requests and all were approved. 4-0-0
 - 8/1 8 am ~ 8 pm @ Woodlock Park BBF2, pavilion, basketball courts – Graduation party - Lindsay Benko
 - 8/2 (changed from 7/12) 9 am ~ 11 am @ Collins Park,- Pilate club - Camillie Torres
 - 7/1 ~ 8/19 Wednesdays 9:30~ 10:30 am @ Collins Park, !/2 of Lacross field – Kirstin Kochanek
 - 7/7 ~ 8/15 M~ Thur. 5-7:30 pm @ Woodlock Park – Timberwolves Soccer Club-Julie Penny.
2. Approval of minutes –April meeting minutes was approved. 4-0-0. (Cris motioned and Jim seconded), May meeting was cancelled.
3. Programs / events / donation Report. Reported by Noriko
 - Town Wide Beautification week 4/17 ~ 4/25
 - 3 families registered to clean East Road.
 - Senior Luncheon 4/24.
 - 75 seniors attended. Jack Costigan (Lions Club) prepared meal \$500.
4. Upcoming activities / events – Reported by Noriko
 - Blood Drive 6/24 sponsored by the AWCC
5. Sun 'n Fun 2026 –6 weeks program 6/29~ 8/7 M-F No camp on 7/3 9am ~ 3:30 pm, Age 6 ~ 15: Campers 6-11, Jr. CIT 12 & 13, CIT 14 & 15
 - Registration last day 6/15, then additional late fee of \$15 after 6/16. 2 weeks out of 6 are full.
 - Sun n Fun staff training – First Aid, CPR, AED, summer safety, Rules and Regulations, and other training on Tuesday, June 23rd 8 am ~ 4 pm at the Fire Station.
6. Community Center-
 - Issues with the back door facing the woods- difficult to lock the door. Noriko will send a request for maintenance.

- CIP items – no discussion at this meeting
7. Sports leagues
 - TSC has the summer clinic M-Th 5 – 7:30 pm @ Woodlock
 8. Fundraisers
 - Donation Drive letter – received an approval / blessing from Board of Selectmen.
 - Noriko will modify the letter for focusing more Atkinson Day and request the printing vendor to mail out the letter on July 11th.
 - Cris will work on the business letter.
 - Received \$800 from Collette Travel for Alaksa trip based on 8 people participated. It will be approved at the 6/29 BoS meeting.
 9. Atkinson Day 2026- 9/12, rain date 9/13.
 - Atkinson Day 2026 and America's 250th anniversary. There were many discussions.
 - Since no other person organizing this event, Recreation Commission will be the organizer again.
 - The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30th at 7 pm at Atkinson community center, Room 2. Noriko will email the year's groups. YMCA 5K and fireworks are already scheduled.
 - Recreation won't be running the pickleball tournament; we are going to ask YMCA to run it.
 - For the programs, softball tournaments, kids friendly activities, live music, Talent show, Pie eating contest, were suggested.
 - For food, we will ask Lions Club, St/ Anne Food truck, ice cream truck, and snack shack.
 - For music, we will ask youth music groups to perform.
 10. Budgets - Budget Committee Liaison – Deborah Cornish
 - 2026 Budget overview – under or on target.
 - We discussed for 2027 what our department's budgeting needs will be. Identify any potential warrant articles, proposed increases, grant proposals, fund raising opportunities, projected income.
 11. New Business

Next meeting: Thursday, July 16th at 7:00 pm at the Atkinson Community Center.