

Recreation Commission

Town of Sandown, NH

September 2, 2026

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Meeting Location: Recreation Building

Members Present: Chairman George Blaisdell, Sean Tiney, Chris Longchamps, Meganne Daly

Also Present: Becky Francis - Recreation Director, Liz Unger

Members Absent: Sara Michalakakis

The meeting was called to order by Blaisdell.

Approval of Minutes

Blaisdell requested a motion to accept the minutes from August 19, 2026. All present approved.

Longchamps requested an amendment on line 7 of the spelling of his last name and it was approved.

Blaisdell requested a motion to approve

Blaisdell requested a motion to approve non-public minutes for August 19 and were approved unanimously.

Recreation September Directors Report

Francis reported pushing out programs for September so they can book out. Expected uptick in programming in October.

Senior Programming

Francis desired a fall foliage trip however due to increased activity has suggested a holiday trip for seniors to be discussed. Due to lack of communication on Mt. Washington cruise Francis suggested a play at palace theatre as an alternative.

Adult Programming

Francis provided updates on the summer farmers market at Zorvinos and how it was more successful than the previous location and is concluding for the season on September 23, 2026.

Francis reports community day and children's vendors were the most heavily attended with positive feedback.

Francis reports plans for adult craft night in September for faux stained glass at price of \$25.

The Northshore medium is online and registration is up for October at Ed Garvey for \$ 45 per person at a maximum of 65 attendees. Francis indicated using it as exposure and getting people into the building.

1 Francis informs on contacting paranormal presentations for October for a display on what the
2 process looks like at no cost.

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4 An equestrian based yoga class was presented and Francis indicated no animals would be
5 involved but the purpose is to strengthen the muscles involved in horseback riding. Requested
6 program in 6 weeks in length at \$150 Thursday evenings 6-8 pm and the rec would get 20% of
7 profit.

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9 Town yard sale is September 26 at \$25 to have an address in the marketing map online and in
10 paper.

11 12 **Youth Programming**

13 Commission discussed bringing back "Not so spooky walk" this October in conjunction with the
14 Monster Mash dates upon getting volunteers and using the conservation land behind the Ed
15 Garvey. Logistics on stations and safety as well as use of the space and having appropriate
16 communication with agencies including conservation was presented.

17 Francis discussed a small-scale launch this year and possibly plans for 2027 this is in
18 brainstorming phases and the group reflected on the event taking place in the town forest in
19 previous years.

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21 Event of a spooky walk was identified after dark.

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23 Meeting to address plausibility for this year is pending.

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25 Longchamps asked about time to participate in the yard sale and Francis agreed you can still
26 participate.

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28 Daly steps out for a call.

29 Commission agrees on a motion for \$3,000 for equipment at Miller and Francis agrees to move
30 forward before winter.

31 32 **Budget 2027 analysis**

33 Francis stated the budget numbers reflect data from June and will be pending for more recent
34 data.

35 Francis indicated mowing line is up for Bid and it will be available in 24 hours until November 2
36 before meeting November 4.

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38 Another change was community programs from \$3500 to \$8000 where it was pulled from
39 revolving previously.

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41 Blaisdell asks for funds to be pulled from technology to equal \$5,820. This is how all Rec
42 programs are registered for.

43 Blaisdell asked questions about safety equipment costs and Francis indicated buying new
44 safety masks.

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2 Francis identified \$3,000 allocation for equipment that remained.

3 Francis reminded commission numbers are not up to date and updated numbers will be
4 available soon.

5 Port potties are still available and will remain until mid september or after monster mash or fall
6 ball at Miller.

7 Tenny addressed allocation of resources looking at the previous years.

8 Francis indicated the budget continues to be streamlined and numbers remain cost effective.

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10 Francis presented refund requests for \$200 for double booking camp, \$55 for lack of attendance
11 for sewing class, and \$350 for cancelled week of camp all were approved.

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13 **Old Business**

14 Francis provided an update on not getting in touch with town finance regarding donations from
15 the August 19 meeting.

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17 Blaisdell addressed Tiney about updates at Miller

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19 **Additional Business**

20 Next meeting is planned for September 16, 2026

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23 Blaisdell made a motion to adjourn.

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26 The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

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29 Submitted By:

30 Liz Unger

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