

Recreation Commission

Town of Sandown, NH

August 19th, 2026

Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Meeting Location: Recreation Building

Members Present: Chairman George Blaisdell, Sara Michalakakis, Sean Tiney, Chris Longchamps.

Also Present: Becky Francis - Recreation Director, Liz Unger

The meeting was called to order by Blaisdell.

Approval of Minutes

Blaisdell requested a motion to accept the minutes from June 3, 2026. All present approved.

Move to Nonpublic discussion under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) employee matters recommended Liz Unger as recreation commission secretary.

Discussion of New Business Begins

Recognition of the New Communication Board and discuss taking a picture at the end of the meeting.

Summer program review

Francis provided an overview of upcoming summer recreation programs and events.

Francis reported an overview of a positive summer with minus minor incidences with behavior.

Francis updated on positive feedback from parents survey of 21 responses and anticipated more coming in as the school year begins. Francis indicated a need for tents or tarps in coming days.

Discussion surrounding switching Fisher Cats field trip transpired with mixed feedback and suggestions of potential water skills and safety at the Town Beach was suggested.

Participants discussed checking in with insurance company regarding swim and how lifeguards gauge campers water safety at the beginning of the camp. Safety concerns around water and liability transpired and cost involving travel took place. The week in question maintained registration numbers at 90 participants.

Communication about the cyanobacteria in the town beach evolved and maintained exciting and engaging activities for the children when the town beach was closed.

Francis reported that there will be a change with Mandy the coordinator who is moving on while Brady will continue for the time being .

1 Michalakakis brought up Francis's hands-on engagement with the summer program this year and
2 she expressed the coordinators took on a more direct role and she was managing behind the
3 scenes business as well as library and rec events. Francis debriefed with counselors after camp
4 each day.

5 6 7 **Summer Camp Financial Matters**

8 Francis presented numbers for busing weeks 1-5 (weeks 6 and 7 still pending), camp receipts
9 and camp attire for camp registrants and staff. It was mentioned that they used a new company
10 for printing from Merrimack, NH and there was general consensus that the approximately 2,500
11 \$ for around 290 shirts (tanks, sweatshirts, and t-shirts) was affordable.

12 13 14 **Summer Camp Numbers**

15 Francis reported summer camp numbers have not been completed and will be pending until
16 October. Francis stated she had roughly looked at numbers for quarterly purposes and numbers
17 were within range.

18 19 **Evolving Financial Report**

20 Francis reported that she had rough numbers of the evolving report and presented ballpark
21 estimates of breakdown of accounts to the Commission. Blaisdell commented on lifeguard funds
22 available and discussion of finalizing payroll for the summer was addressed. Lifeguards last day
23 will be 8/20/26 and payroll will be for one full time and two part time employees.

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25 Transportation budgeting was recognized as being from a separate budget and the upcoming
26 security monitoring bill is pending.

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28 Francis stated that approval of moving 3,000\$ for equipment at Miller Field is needed and
29 desired interest in a digger.

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31 Blaisdell requested an update on parking and positive feedback was given while concerns about
32 bees' hive were made to Francis by an observer that she will follow up with visually before fall
33 ball.

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35 Blaisdell requested clarification and concern on budget and Francis reported that she had
36 produced a rough balance of revenue and expenses based on last year's numbers from the
37 official revolving account and will follow up when communication with Finance transpires.
38 Francis states 13,000 in donations were made to the Recreation donations to date.

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40 Blaisdell requests clarification on listing and reporting of negotiated amounts per unit on report
41 and some not planning and some include addresses.

42 43 **Additional Business**

44 Next meeting is planned for September 2, 2026

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3 Blaisdell made a motion to adjourn.

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5 The Commission went to the playground to take a photo with the new communication board.

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7 The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

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11 Liz Unger

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