



Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Date: February 18, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm
Remote

This meeting was held remotely on the GOTO platform. A recording of the meeting is available on the Pepperell Community Media Video on Demand service here: <https://pepperell.vod.castus.tv/vod/?nav=programs%2FRecreation%20Commission&volume=.65>

The Chair opened the meeting at 5:02 pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Roll Call - Committee: David Ganong, Chair; Alan Leao, Michael Dean, Leanne Hansen
Attendees: Avery Hansen
2. Minutes for Approval - Tabled till next meeting.
3. Activities
 - a. February - Vacation Activities. Snow Tubing and Skiing did not run. Will need to do a post mortem. There were 4 sign ups for Ragged and 0 sign ups for Snow Tubing.
 - b. March - Middle School Dance. The dance will be on Saturday, March 21. Waiting on confirmation from the DJ before advertising. Need to get chaperones. Mike will let Leanne know.
 - c. March - Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 28th.
4. Avery Hansen Eagle Scout Volleyball Court CPC Update. Avery gave an update. Funding did not go through. The vote was 3-3. CPC tried adding amendments, and it did not go through. David asked what Avery's plans are going forward? He also said there would need to be public meetings before putting the court on Town Field. Avery needs time to figure out next steps. Will circle back in 2 weeks. Avery can update with an email or in person.
5. Community Center Oil Tank. David had a discussion with Andrew MacLean. Andrew had talked to the Fire Dept. They don't have a record of a tank there. Will need to review with the building dept. David will keep tracking until this is resolved. Need to get someone to come scope the pipes to verify if there is a tank or not.
6. Budget/Capital Items Discussion. Will need to discuss the budget in Nov. This year warrants are due 3/20 for the Spring Town Meeting. Alan suggested a warrant article for a Master Plan for Town Field. David said we will need numbers first. Alan then suggested it for the Fall Town Meeting. David suggested that CPC fund it. In the coming months, we may have dedicated meetings for Budget/Capital Items. Recreation Master Plan - need to update the

numbers, and the softball RFQ will go out in next couple months. Leanne reviewed the General Fund budget. Small items from the Capital Plan might need to be covered in the operating budget. The Capital Planning Committee will be making recommendations to FinCom. They are discussing asking for \$500K, which is about \$5/mon per household on taxes. David asked what everyone's priorities are. David said painting the Community Center and fixing and painting the Gazebo. Alan agrees with painting the exterior of the Community Center. Mike agrees with the painting and added bathrooms. David said a lower priority are the windows and doors. Leanne also agreed with painting both interior and exterior. David will push painting and gazebo as must haves.

7. Goal Setting Discussion. David's goals are Shared Documents, Budgeting, Binders for members (so new members aren't walking in blind), Fields and Courts and Updating the Master Plan, and Pepperell Blue Sky Planning. Alan will send David what he wants to take a lead on and items for the Commission. Mike's goals are Bigger Scope, Development of Fields (more field space), and Ice Rink for the winter. He will meet with Derek when the snow melts. He also has some donated materials. Leanne's goal is Fields (more fields are needed). CPC should have funds to help. There is also State Money. Alan had to leave the meeting.
8. 2026-2027 Community Preservation Committee Discussion. This will be a topic that will be seen and discussed a lot this year. Need to know in advance what we are going to ask for. Start thinking ahead and by August decide what we want to do. 2-3 Items.
9. Calendar - David put the dates into a doc and will send. Leanne will re-send the original email to Mike with the meeting dates and meeting minutes.
10. Matters not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair. David talked about the PFAS project on Jersey Street. Paul Brinkman will provide drawings for the project. What can we ask for? Ideas include providing a water stub for a future bathroom, parking area, and fencing. Next meeting we talk about Capital and Goal Setting.
11. Adjournment: David made a motion to adjourn. Mike 2nd. All in Favor. Time of adjournment 6:02 pm.