

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes December 9, 2025

- I. At 7:03pm Kate called the meeting to order.
- II. Members in attendance Rebecca Waltz, Kate Dardinski, Jessie Hook, Diane Onacki
Guests: Seth Hickey, Zach Cherry, Caitlin Middaguh
Absent: Ryan Guerette, Allison Knab
- III. Consideration of Minutes-Rebecca made a motion to approve November minutes.
Kate seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Report- Seth will be meeting with Ryan this week to work on 2026 budget based off of 2025 numbers.
- V. Report of the Stratham Parks & Rec Director-
Eco Counter- Mobile eco counter has been at Dead Fish for almost a year, it is going to get moved to fire tower steps.
Senior programing- Going well, events well attended. Mailers going out soon.
Teen Coordinator Position- Will be providing more information to Select Board at next meeting.
TMAC- Next meeting January meeting. Committee has been discussing Ebikes and electric motorcycles at the park. Off leash dogs- will make recommendations to Select Board.
Interns- Multiple interns lined up. May-Aug intern will help with summer programing. Fall intern as well.
SHP- 10 year plan drafted by DPW geared towards capital improvements at park.
DPW purchased new equipment for trail work and will also be used to maintain baseball and softball fields.
Stevens Park- Pavillion location discussion.
Pats Peak Ski Program-Sold out, held parent info meeting 12/9.

Summer camp- no soccer camp this year. Zach working on contracts. Seth walked through SHP with last year's summer camp director. Camp will have same number of kids and same dates. Discussed pros and cons of SHP for summer camp.

VI. New/Ongoing Business

Youth Sports-

- a. Baseball - Discussed All-Star program field use.

Great Bay All-Star program may use fields for practices and summer circuit games this summer, but need to have the dates approved in advance by Recreation Department to ensure availability. Any future tournaments need to be brought before Rec Commission and discussed separately.

- b. Basketball- K-2 is well represented, coach meeting 12/9. Grades 3-6 basketball going well. Wolf pack-teams set. This year evals for rec and tryouts for Wolf Pack were too close together. Next year will keep Wolf Pack tryouts more separate from rec teams evals. Wolf Pack- Grade 3/4 girls-9 tryout all made team, 5/6 girls had cuts 10 made team. 5/6 boys did not have enough kids for team, 3/4 boys 10 kids had cuts. Zach met with Sau16 facilities department recently, would like to make a yearly meeting.
- c. Softball-Zach will be holding a meeting next week with newly formed committee.

VII. At 8:44 Rebecca made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jessie seconded, all in favor.