

Mountain Towns Recreation Director Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes

The Mountain Towns Recreation Director Advisory Committee will meet on

**Wednesday, May 14th @ 6:00pm
at the Town Hall (139 Middletown Rd)
and on zoom**

1. Call the meeting to order.
 - a. Present - Will Reed, Jennie Freeman, Liam Elio, Martha Dale, Christine Falango, Steve Bergleitner, Pam Spaulding
2. Additions and deletions.
 - a. Ice Rink
3. Public comment/visitors.
 - a. Pam Spaulding from "Doings in Derry". Here to gather info for the next issue
4. Minutes approval.
 - a. Motioned by Steve, seconded by Martha, motion carried
5. Member terms
 - a. Landgrove is open.
 - b. Londonderry - expires end of June – Martha is stepping down so Londonderry spot to be filled.
 - c. Weston – Christine - Selectboard has been informed that her term is up and she has offered to stay on if they approve.
 - d. Winhall - Lissa until 2026.
 - e. FBAA - Jason will re-up at end of June.
 - f. At-large – Rick will re-up.
 - g. WRSA – Will – has already filed his renewal form.
 - h. Liam would like to be sure whoever comes on board is active in the committee. Liam would like a committee with people who will help make projects, jump in where needed. Potential new committee members were discussed. A new candidate needs to be presented to and approved by selectboard. End result - we need two new members - Landgrove or Peru and Londonderry.

6. Transfer Station
 - a. Liam has been sorting redeemables to benefit MTR. Wondering about how this might continue in most efficient and beneficial ways for MTR as a funding stream. Liam is asking us to bring cans, and to remind others to do so as well. Christine suggested this to be a good way for kids to be involved. A lot of redeemables are thrown into the general recycling. Scott from Winhall Transfer said they would be willing to starting doing redeemables there as well.
7. Mtn Town Get Down - Volunteers needed to help with the event - May 31, 2025. Hopefully EQX will start publicizing soon.
8. WRSA
 - a. Funding - Last year's funds raised from the Mtn Town Get Down was split between WR and FBAA. This year it will be split between WR and MTR.
 - b. Groundskeeping - Fertilization, Grub control, mowing and lining fields. Costs between \$15- 20K annually. Liam looking at costs and figuring out when MTR could actually start covering that cost. Get Down funds will help in transition of operational costs.
 - c. Liam exploring year long business sponsorships/fundraising opportunities to support youth sports and MTR in general.
 - d. HOA - could we have banners visible at fields that promote sponsors? West River has a lease with the HOA for the Weston Island Fields. Looking into whether MTR could become the entity in the future that leases the fields from the HOA. Town attorney questions - here's the current agreement. What do we need to consider before we have a possible discussion with the HOA?
9. Adult Pickups
 - a. **Volleyball** pick up games were successful this winter when gym time was available.
 - b. Summer **kickball** was successful last year and will come back this year on Fridays.
 - c. **Ultimate Frisbee** will continue on Wednesdays in summer. Cliff has an idea of an ultimate tournament with food trucks!
 - d. **Softball** was on Sundays last year - not so successful. This year softball will be on Thursdays.
 - e. **Pickleball** carries itself, but looking into a tournament by the end of summer as a fundraiser for dedicated courts!
 - f. **Basketball** potential for Tuesday pickup for youth.
 - g. Looking for community members to take the lead for some of these opportunities.
10. Swim Lessons
 - a. Liam has had inquiries about whether we can bring swim lessons back,

at Memorial Park. He is working with Devon to structure classes that folks can sign up for at a minimal cost. Instructors must be trained to Red Cross level for insurance purposes. Looking for another instructor or two, depending on public interest.

11. Londonderry Ice Rink - MTR is taking it over.

12. Set the next meeting.

a. Wednesday, August 13, 2025 8:00 AM

13. Adjourn.

a. Will motioned, Steve seconded. Adjourned at 7:19pm