

Hardwick Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2025, 6:00 PM

Members present: Mallory Greaves, Sara Behrsing via phone

Others present: David Upson; Town Manager, Tim Ricciardello, representing the Select Board, Joe Nudell, representing the Trails Committee and the Town Conservation Board and Rose Freidman from The Civic Standard.

Recreation Chair: Mallory called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Secretary: Sara Behrsing

Approval of Budget: No approval due to lack of members present. Will approve in December.

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Discussion of the 2027 budget:

Discussion ensued with David and Mallory about the budget for 2027 fiscal year. Spring fest was pulled out of our budget. The Recreation Coordinator's Salary will be moved to a stipend line.

- **April-** Egg Scramble- \$500 candy and eggs
- **May** Green up Day-\$1,742- cost to recycle tires
- **May Spring Festival-** Fun Run \$450-snacks and prizes
- **July-** \$7000 for the American Red Cross Swim Program
- **October-** \$2000 for Movie nights in town hall in collaboration with the Civic Center \$275-\$400 per film license and \$150 per film for concessions.
- **Donation to Josh Peets** (works for Center for Agricultural Economy) for Halloween Trunk or Treat candy \$500
- **Ice skating Rink-** Discussion of a new set-up was tabled. David said he wants to use what they have this year. Ken Davis has leveled a spot at Atkins field, and they have acquired a tarp. We need to find someone to plow the rink.

Totaling: \$16,492.00 Mallory will present this budget to the select board at their next meeting.

Swim Program: David said the cost for this program is very high. Those who represent Greensboro have decided to step down from the planning process. We need to increase our advertising and numbers as the more kids the less cost. There is a call-in meeting on December 19 at 5:30pm to discuss the swim program with Sabrina Morrison. Mallory will send Sara the link.

Trunk or Treat: Discussion began about teaming with the Council of Agricultural Education for Trunk or Treat and having it on Halloween next year instead of an extra candy day. It might make sense to limit the trick or treating area to the streets near Atkins field for safety.

Fun Run: It was suggested we decrease the number of prizes next year and look to a group called the Northeast Kingdom Runners for help running this event.

Ice Rink: Sara presented information about Nice Rink; a Canadian company that makes ice rink kits. This was tabled as there is a plan for this year. The committee will explore this option further for future years.

Egg Scramble: It was suggested to try building up this event by adding a free breakfast and other games along with the Scramble. Rose said they might be able to help. We would need to get permission to use the Hazen kitchen.

Movie Night: October 18 @ 6:30 in the Town Hall in collaboration with the Civic Standard. The movie shown was Hotel Transylvania. This was very successful! 25 people attended. Both the Civic Standard and the Rec. Committee agreed to have at least 4 movie nights next year.

New Business:

- Rose Friedman expressed her continued support with movie nights and possibly other projects.
- Josh Nudell reported on the Buffalo Mountain purchase proposal by the Town Conservation Committee and asked for a letter of support along with ideas of how we might use this land as a committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.