

Hampton Recreation & Community Activities Commission

Regular Meeting

July 16, 2026, 7:00 PM

Hampton Community Center

MINUTES

Present: Chair Andrea Kaye, Bruce Spaman, Jessica Brockett, Rachel Lavoie, Ben Waite

Absent: Ernest Sayles, Juan Arriola, Stephanie Bora

Seating of Alternates: None

Call To Order: Chair Andrea Kaye called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2026: Rachel Lavoie motioned to approve. Bruce Spaman seconded. All in favor: Chair Andrea Kaye, Bruce Spaman, Jessica Brockett, Rachel Lavoie

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Spaman shared that the Town Budget was approved. Rec Commission received \$8,000. Bruce will prepare a full Rec treasury report at our September meeting.

Communications: 1. Jim Pontefrect, sales rep contacted Andrea about selling (860-206-7003) a permanent corn hole set for Rec department. The sets retail for \$800. After a brief discussion it was determined that this is not something Rec is interested in. Andrea Kaye will contact the company and let them know the decision.

2. Bonnie Cardwell, Fletcher Memorial Library Chairperson sent a letter via email to Rec asking for support for the music at the Harvest Festival. She thanked us for the previous financial support. Last year we sponsored 2 musicians for a total of \$250. Ben Waite suggested a donation jar be made available as well. Bruce made a motion to give up to \$75 toward the music at the festival and also look to see if anyone in the community would possibly be a benefactor. Ben seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Andrea will let Bonnie know.

Additions To Agenda:

Jessica Brockett added Capture the Flag evenings for families. Jessica thought an informal Capture the Flag after dinner game at the Town Hall field would be a nice addition for families. Members agreed she could follow up on interest and schedule them if there is interest.

Old Business:

1. HES After School Soccer Clinic - Jessica Brockett reported that there were 14 kids and an additional few from 2nd grade that participated. Clinic ended in June coinciding with the end of the school year. There was an end of the year gathering with kids receiving water bottles. Parents spoke highly of the program and are asking for it to continue and to include the younger grades in the future. Directed to speak to HES principal about programming.
2. Yard Sale went well. 29 participants. We need to decide whether to do Fri and Sat, or just one day. \$132.00 was collected from the yard sale participants which helped off-set the advertising.

3. Baseball Updates: Ernie Sayles reported via text: Brooklyn boys and girls minor and majors won the district. This has never been done before. All 4 teams won the district. The girls lost and the boys minor play is tonight in Ellington. The majors play Sunday in Waterford. These games are called sectionals. There are 16 teams in CT playing and Hampton kids are a big part of this. Fall Little League will start next month.
4. 250th Celebration July 3, 2026 – Rachel reported the Ice Cream Social was successful-- there were over 40 people total. All but 4 scoops of ice cream left. Kids had a lot of fun. The games were played. Rec would do this again next year. Thank you to Jessica, Rachel, Bruce and Olivia Lavoie for their help.
5. WooSox game on July 26th. There are still tickets available.
6. Tabled cooking classes for later date.
7. Christmas play—Juan will be working on this. Discussion to have the play the same weekend of “Christmas On Main Street” on Friday December 4th or Saturday December 5th, making it a weekend themed event. Open house at the Historical Society museum and Tree lighting/caroling at the Pavilion is on December 6th. Plans to do ornament making again before the tree lighting
8. Halloween witches this year. Prepare goodie bags for Saturday, October 31st. Need volunteers. Juan had suggested a possible pumpkin carving activity the weekend before at the last meeting.

New Business:

9. Back To School Family Movie Night -- Friday, August 21, 2026. Decided on the movie HOME.
Discussion continued on having movies for different age groups. For now, we will do the family movie themed night with future plans to expand the age groups.
10. Pop up canopy purchase discussion. Rec could use one for concerts and sporting events. Ben made a motion to purchase a canopy for no more than \$300. Rachel seconded and the motion passed. Andrea will use the town Amazon account and work with the administrative assistant to order one.
11. Little River Preserve Fishing Derby is postponed until next year.
12. Voting On Future Contracts For Goods & Services - It was unanimously decided that we table this discussion again, because we had several Rec members absent at the meeting.
13. Audience for Citizens—none
14. Adjournment: Ben made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm, Rachel seconded and motion carried.

Next meeting: Thursday September 17th at 7pm at the CC. *There is no meeting in August.*