

Hampton Recreation & Community Activities Commission

Regular Meeting

September 17, 2026, 7:30 PM

Hampton Community Center

MINUTES

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

Absent: Juan Arriola, Stephanie Bora

Audience for Citizens: none

Seating of Alternates: none

Call To Order: Chair Andrea Kaye called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM

Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2026. Read into record amendment to the minutes about the pop- up canopy that was purchased is for multi-use for the town. Spaman motioned to approve. Brockett seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Spaman shared the report as of 9/1/1016 from the town treasurer. Rec Commission received \$8,000, and last year's balance was rolled over. We are in very good shape. There were expenses that were not reconciled on the hand out. More up to date reports at October meeting.

Communications: Email from Amie Kraemer, Chaplin-Hampton Basketball program

Additions To Agenda: Pumpkin Carving and Volunteer Appreciation

Old Business:

WooSox game was fun. Beautiful day and an exciting game. WooSox for the win. Ernie suggested we look at a Yard Goat game for next year.

Christmas Play-discussion tabled until Arriola can give an update.

Halloween witches this year. Prepare goodie bags for Saturday, October 31st. Will order something for the goody bag in addition to candy. We are looking at 100 bags. HES PTO may do an outdoor Haunted Alleyway around the Community Center including hot chocolate and maybe S'mores.

Back to School Family Night was a success. 45 people, new faces, home schoolers. Plans for a movie next February at the school. Movie suggestions? There was a question about the SWANK license. Rachel and Jessica will ask the PTO if they are renewing the license. Also, possibility of having a sporting event watch at the Community Center using our equipment to watch a game. Maybe Superbowl or Basketball. Needs more discussion. Maybe coordinate with Senior Grinder Sale.

Pop up canopy was purchased and received.

Recreation Commission Chair Kaye had a table at the HES Back to School Night. Gave out info on how to access our FB page and our upcoming programs.

New Business:

- Correspondence from Amie Kraemer from Chaplin Rec to participate again with the Chaplin-Hampton basketball program like we did last year. Money was budgeted for this collaboration. Motion to pay Chaplin \$1750 made by Waite and seconded by LaVoie. Motion carried. Will await an invoice from the program to pay them asap.
- Open house at the Historical Society museum and Tree lighting/Caroling at the Pavilion on **Sunday December 6th**. Plans to do ornament making again before the tree lighting. Hot cider, hot chocolate and cookies. Asked Rachel if her daughter Addie can sing. Will order hand held bells. Tree lighting at 4:30. Ornament making from 3:30 to 4:15.
- Discussed having a Bonfire this year right after the Tree Lighting. Waite would build the Bonfire. Kaye to ask First Selectman for permission with the date and time.
- Coach Bus trip to Boston on Oct. 3rd is filling up. 50 bus seats are available. Currently we have about 25 signed up and paid. Co-sponsoring bus with the Seniors Club. Bus cost is \$2,050.
- Spaman made a motion to have a Rec Commission table at the Harvest Festival on 9/26 to give out info and possibly have a Balloon Twister. Cost of table \$15, and Balloon Twister would be \$195 with Faces from Carolyn from Norwich. Seconded by Waite. Motion carried.
- Karaoke Night dates discussed. People in town looking forward to this event. Will ask DJ Glen if available for Saturday dates on Feb. 27th or March 6th. Will have babysitting again, Want to work around the FD party. Waite to check on dates. Kaye to check DJ Glen availability.
- Dance Party! We have had town people express interest in a dance party. Recreation Commission received an anonymous donation of DJ Soul Renee Prescott, for 4 hours. Dates for a New Year's party either January 9th or 16th. Kaye to check availability.
- Discussed a Volunteer Appreciation event, possibly a Sunday afternoon for the volunteers helping out Recreation events/activities. Will table this for next meeting.
- 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.

Audience for Citizens—none

Adjournment: Spaman made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm, Jessica seconded and motion carried.

Next meeting: Thursday October 15th at 7pm at the CC.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Kaye, Chair

