

SALISBURY RECREATION COMMISSION  
Meeting December 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. Present were Lou Bucceri, Becky Lachaine, Lisa McAuliffe, Raydin Neary, Jon Russillo, Tim Sinclair, Danny Smith, and David Valcin. Chairman Bucceri presided.

David moved that the agenda for the meeting be approved as written. Jon seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. David moved to approve the July 23, 2024 special meeting minutes as written. Jon seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Lisa reported that youth basketball started last Saturday. There are approximately forty 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> graders and thirty 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders participating. They meet on Saturdays at HVRHS and will also meet on Tuesdays at Hotchkiss starting in January. The Housy basketball players help on Saturdays, and it is great to have them as role models for the young participants.

Public skate starts Saturday, 10:30-11:30, at Hotchkiss. The program will continue through the first week in March and there will be no public skate offered over the holiday.

Lisa also happily reported that a town wide "elf on the shelf" is taking place. The elf has been placed around different locations in town, and if seen, participants are to send in a photo of the elf for a chance to win a prize.

Lap swim continues to be a huge success with approximately 25 participants. Indoor walking club at Hotchkiss also has a good turnout.

Lisa also reported that Halloween night at the Grove was a huge success with over 200 people in attendance. She said the Grove looked great with lights and inflatables. There were also hayrides, cider, and donuts available. Lakeville Hose and the Ladies Auxiliary help support the fun night.

Lisa met with Abby Conroy to submit an application to present to P&Z board in January for approval to replace the basketball /multi-sport court at Trotta field that has been in disrepair for several years. The proposal is to replace the court using the same footprint and adding four pickleball courts.

Lisa is also working with Abby to get a plan in place for moving the tennis courts at Community Field. The property needs to be surveyed to see where the monitoring wells are located. Lisa is asking that the survey happen sooner than later.

There was no financial report available at the time of the meeting, but Lisa assured us that all was financially sound. Lisa puts aside money into a few different capital funds each year for larger projects. Lou asked about applying for grants, but Lisa said that we need to have a definitive plan before we can apply for any grants, and we are not there yet.

The proposed meeting dates for 2025 were presented and the committee decided to change the November 11, 2025 meeting to the first Tuesday in November, since the 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day. We also cancelled the August 2025 meeting since many of the commissioners are on vacation at that time.

David moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Danny and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Lachaine  
Secretary