

**Town of Madison
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
7/9/25**

Committee Members Present: Adam Price, Heidi Thomas, John Flannigan, Amy Power and Cheri Stackpole.

Others present: Heather O'Donnell (Recreation Director)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Cheri at 5:34 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Adam made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, 2nd by Amy, all in favor. We approved the Rec. committee meeting minutes from 6/11/25.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NO PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS:

Cheri wanted to start the meeting by going over where we stand on our Rec. budget. She said by looking at it she did not see a ton of concerns. She said we seem to be doing well with the exception of our transportation line. We will need to keep an eye on it because we are getting close to the max amount on our transportation budget line.

Adam said that the transportation line is high because there were leftover invoices from last year's summer camp program that were lost in the email shuffle and that were not paid. He said we will over expend the transportation line but that the bottom budget line should come out fine.

Cheri said the advertising line was almost gone as well, we only have 0.16 cents left. Adam said we should be done spending in that line for the year so that will be fine. Cheri asked the committee if they would like to take a look at the printed Rec. Budget sheet. We passed it around. Cheri asked where the donations go. Adam said all donations go into the Rec. Revolving Fund. It would be a different sheet. Cheri asked Adam if we could use the RRF to help pay for the transportation line if needed. Adam said we would be able to use it if needed.

Cheri asked if we could use the RRF money to help pay for a family or child in need to pay for sports fees or summer camp tuition. Selectmen are in control of using money from the RRF account.

Adam is still organizing the banner fundraiser. We have had a few new banners this year. There is no deadline for this fundraiser. Adam also mentioned that we received a sponsor for the Rec. Summer Camp water bottles. He said Dr. Boone's office is the sponsor but does not want a logo on the bottles.

Cheri asked about the website the Conway Rec uses and see how we can learn more about that. Cheri said she would call them and see if we could watch a demo on the application and what the website offers. She said if we are interested in using the MyRec program we would need to add that cost to our budget line. Adam said he would be interested in how Conway runs the payment part.

Old Home Week 2025: Cheri said she would create a Canva flyer to promote the Town Wide Yard Sale. She said she would work on that this week. Adam said we will do a float for the parade. The kids will decorate the float.

Heather mentioned that as a committee we keep going back & forth on if we are going to do the craft table on Sat. Aug 2 or not. She said it's confusing. Heather recalls that a lot of us said we would not be in town for the craft fair but that Megan said she would run the craft table and Megan thought it would be a good idea to have the kids sell bird houses and other crafts. Heather said we seem to still be up in the air with what is happening at the craft fair. Adam said we should mention it to Megan to see if she is still interested in helping with the craft table. Amy said she could help. Adam said to reach out to Kate to reserve a table. Cheri is unavailable to help. Heather will reach out to Kate about a table. Cheri said she would mention it to Megan to figure out if she could help.

Adam suggested a Softball Tournament for OHW next year. He said teams would sign up and go from there.

Tamworth/Freedom/Madison: Cheri mentioned that when we met with the other Rec. Directors said they rented vans instead of using busses. Cheri is curious about the cost comparison for Busses to Vans. If we wanted to do a combined 'Teen Event' with Tamworth or Freedom we could use their vans & their gyms. We would just need to look into insurance if we share resources.

SUMMER CAMP 2025:

Heather said Summer Camp is going great. Swim Lessons have started and all is going great. We are at the lake 3 days a week this year. We are having a Car Wash, lemonade stand and smores trail mix hand out. We were going to have the car wash at the Madison fire station but we have changed it to the Madison Elem. School instead. Remi is our head counselor and she has so many great ideas. We are splitting the campers into 2 groups. One group will be at the car wash and one group will do a fun science experiment with Popcorn. Then we will switch groups.

Heather said our biggest issue is transportation and moving lake days and field trips. We only have certain days with transportation. She said that she knows that the transportation line is high but that we increased the summer camp tuition by \$100 and that we added \$3 per child for every field trip to offset the cost.

Adam mentioned that we are spending \$8000-9000 a year on transportation and we could probably buy a bus with all that money. The committee agreed that we could save money with a bus or maybe a few passenger vans. Amy mentioned that we could do more with vans. More for the teens and adult programs too. Cheri asked Adam to look into the initial cost of a bus or van for purchase. Adam said you do not need a CDL for a smaller bus or van.

Fundraising: Amy said our fundraising efforts could help pay for a bus or van. She mentioned that we had talked about a burger night or a dine to donate somewhere.

Cheri said that Smittys does \$6 Tuesdays for kids. She would like to get a van or bus to take the teens, possibly with Freedom and Tamworth. If it ends up costing too much we could take Jen up on her offer to do a teen night at Freedom gym.

Cheri reached out to Jim Curran about getting on the School Board agenda for the next meeting on Aug 4.

Heather wanted to talk to the school board about getting an awards case in the lobby of the gym and a new plaque and a new dedication to James Noyes. She has talked to Mike Brooks about his thoughts as well.

Planning for the next 6 months: Cheri said while we are talking about planning ahead, what are we adding for sports? Heather said we are going to add track & field in the spring.

Country Dance at the Preserve, need a date!! Ask Megan. She said we could have it at the Preserve. Heidi said The Preserve is very busy with weddings.

Heather said we have a lot of events that we do in the fall and we just need to have people who can work on new events. She said we just need to make sure we have what we need ahead of time. Cheri said we need to come to the next meeting with ideas and a plan for the upcoming events.

Amy volunteered to inquire about "Dine to Donate".

Tuckerman, Jalicos, Smoke House, Flatbread Co.

Amy also volunteered to look into fundraisers like Mums, Pies, Candy Bars etc.

We encouraged Amy to message the whole group.

Cheri would like to do a baking championship with the kids

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, Aug 13, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Madison Town Hall.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Heidi made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Amy, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather O'Donnell

Madison Recreation Director