Sullivan Parks and Rec Meeting Minutes

Date: May 7, 2026

6:00PM-7:30PM

Attendance: Bonnie Sparks, Misty Gleason, Yvette Grindle, Bill Procko, Alex Souza**,** Kim Brooks

Absent: John Keenan, Missy Kelleher, Alex Cammen, Brad Bamford, Veronika Bamford-Connors

Bike Rodeo (Saturday, May 9)

- Event starts at 11:00 AM; volunteers arrive at 9:30 AM for setup.
- Insurance, tables, signage, helmets, and event logistics confirmed.
- **Cones and additional supplies to be brought from the bike coalition. The Town bought 24 cones for Towns use. Collapsible cones were donated permanently to Parks & Rec Committee by Sullivan Fire Dept. Limestone was Donated to Parks & Rec Committee by Viking Lumber.**
- Parking planned at the front/side of the Rec Center.
- Need approximately 4–5 volunteers for setup and event support.
- Bonnie volunteered to work the raffle table.
- Alex Will get access to Tables.
- Flanders BBQ confirmed.
- Donated bike from the Elks Club will be raffled using free entry tickets for children.

Skate Park Project / Select Board Presentation

- Select Board presentation scheduled for May 18 at 5:30 PM.
- Bill will present; estimated 10–15 minute presentation plus discussion.
- Committee emphasized beginning presentation with a clear “ask.”
- Request to Select Board:
    - Approve moving forward with skate park design and fundraising.
    - Support use of town land and potentially town-owned granite.
    - No direct request for town funding at this stage.
- Preliminary possible phased project estimates:
    - $100,000 for 2,000 sq. ft.

    - $250,000 for 4,500 sq. ft.
    - $400,000 for full 7,500 sq. ft.
- Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application planned for end of June; awards are expected in September which Bill will create and submit.
- Funding sources discussed:
    - Maine Community Foundation
    - T-Mobile Hometown Grant
    - Bangor Savings grants
    - Hawk Foundation
    - Local sponsorships and in-kind donations
- In-kind materials/services (granite, equipment, shotcrete, rebar) would count toward grant match.
- Yvette motioned to moved that the Skatepark renovation/replacement plan go to the Select Board seeking support of the plan moving forward with Skatepark plan and permission to pursue fundraising/grants. Misty Seconded, Committee agrees to move forward with Skatepark proposal to Selectboard.
- Packets for Select Board members to be prepared in advance by Bill
- Go Skate Day in the works: Date TBD

Sumner Park ADA Improvements

- Taunton Stone submitted approximately $18,000 quote for wall reconstruction and ADA ramp/platform installation.
- AARP grant request for $15,000 submitted. Decision expected in early June.
- Project expected to proceed regardless of grant outcome using carryover funds.
- ADA accessibility concerns raised regarding smooth granite slab surfaces and slip risk.
- Potential granite benches/rest area included in design concept.
- Garden flowers may need relocation during construction.

Flanders Pond Kayak/Canoe Rack

- Rack installation scheduled for Friday May 8 at 8:30 AM.
- Six rental/storage spaces available.
- Renters responsible for providing their own locks.
- Weekly rental option added to agreement.
- Motion from Misty approving the Flanders Pond Kayak/Canoe Rental Application Agreement. Yvette Seconded and the Committee approved the Rental Application for use of the rental rack.

Sullivan Daze Planning

- Demonstrations and activities planned/include:
    - Stone carving
    - Wool spinning
    - Barn quilting
    - Chair massages
    - Historical Society participation
    - C-CAR touch tank
    - Aquaculture/seaweed education
    - Possible basket weaving
- Vendor/demonstration count currently estimated around 20–21.
- Layout adjustments discussed:
    - Spread vendors around gazebo area
    - Place demonstrations away from band noise
    - Move raffle tent near bounce house area
    - Distribute food vendors throughout site
- Additional tents needed. Participants encouraged to bring their own.
- Parking remains a concern; possible use of Gordon's Wharf and Track Road parking.
- Major needs identified:
    - More volunteers
    - Additional raffle donations

- Notable raffle item secured:
    - Two CAT ferry tickets plus vehicle passage to Nova Scotia ($500 value).
- Decision made to skip parade this year and focus on strengthening core activities.
- Flyer to be prepared for newsletters and Facebook promotion.

Memorial Day Gathering

- Scheduled for May 25 from 10:00–11:00 AM.

Youth Camp / Volunteer Needs

- One remaining camp slot available for a Sullivan resident for each week available for a limited time.
- Need for adult volunteers for several camp mornings in July.
- Possible uncertainty regarding clam/seeding activity participation due to staffing limitations.