**Sullivan Parks & Recreation Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 1, 2026
**Time:** 6:00 PM-7:50PM

**Members Present:**

Yvette Grindle, Misty Gleason, Bill Procko, Missy Kelleher, Alex Cammen, Bonnie Sparks, Alex Souza, Kim Brooks

**Absent:**
Veronika Bamford-Connors

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# 1. Skatepark Updates and Donation

The committee discussed a **$500 donation from Schoodic Animal Hospital** toward the skatepark project.

- Bill will send a thank-you message for the donation.
- The committee discussed maintaining a record of **who donates, when donations are received, who sent/received the donation, and confirmation that the donor received a thank-you**.
- A donation spreadsheet will be maintained and updated to provide transparency.
- All monies will go through **Yvette** and be properly recorded.
- The committee discussed the use of the newest **Bangor Savings** account in relation to donations.
- **Sam** was referenced in connection with tracking donations.
- Alex C, Bill, and Yvette will work together on the donation spreadsheet.
- The Maine Skateboard Association has made a verbal commitment of $30,000–$40,000. A formal commitment typically occurs once the project begins. Communication will continue.

Though Sullivan sent in a correct and on time written grant, Land And Water Grant was delayed by the Land and Water officials due to too many incomplete submissions sent in. They will now announce the grant recipients around late December.

# 2. Adult Education

An Adult Education update was discussed.

- A **one-time-use stipend of $50** was discussed for a course.
- Registration is to be completed through **RSU**.
- Sullivan residents may receive up to **$50 toward one approved health, wellness, or recreation course** through RSU #24 Adult Education per fiscal year.
- The stipend covers the registration fee only, excluding additional fees.
- Registration must be completed in person or by phone through RSU #24 Adult Education. Early registration is encouraged.
- Cancellations must be made at least seven days before the course begins.
- Residents who register but do not attend will forfeit their annual stipend, and Sullivan will be billed for the enrollment.
- Program details and the preapproved course list will be promoted on the Parks & Recreation website and Facebook page.

## 3. Bike Rodeo

The next **Bike Rodeo** was discussed for **May 15, 2027**.

- An email will be sent to Cindy and V. regarding the event.
- The committee agreed to contact Gouldsboro about possible collaboration.

## 4. Grounds / Maintenance

**Alex Shanahan volunteered and cut the grass at the recreation park on short notice before Fall Fest. Thank you!**

**Sumner Park sign was taken down with the assistance of Jerry Erbes and is currently being refurbished.**

Proposed priorities include adding electrical outlets and improving the ground surface beneath tents and picnic tables to reduce mowing.

## 5. Website/Facebook

The committee discussed the Parks & Recreation website, which are awaiting the newest .org website link.

#1 Facebook Post was of the description of Fall Fest Vendors.

## 6. New Members

The committee discussed adding two new members.

- **Melissa Malmstedt** — Sullivan resident

- **Sam Brilliant**

A motion was made by **Misty** to accept the two new members and was **seconded by Yvette**.

An amendment by Kim was made to make previous motion two separate motions:
1. Kim Motioned to Accept Melissa as a new member of Parks and Rec. Seconded by Yvette.

2.Kim motioned Talk to Sam Brilliand upon his return in the Spring about joining the committee. Seconded by Yvette.

# 7. Tennis Courts

- Alex will work with **Roger** regarding closing of the tennis courts.
- **Kim volunteered to help** with the closing of the tennis courts.

# 7. Approval Of Sullivan Daze

Sullivan Daze Final Report was approved by committee.

# 8. Fall Festival

Discussion continues regarding whether the festival's primary purpose should be community recreation or fundraising. A close-out report will be submitted in November.

## Follow-Up Items

- Submit the Fall Festival close-out report in November.
- Continue skatepark fundraising and communication with funding partners.
- Contact Gouldsboro regarding the Bike Rodeo.
- Further evaluate Sumner Park improvements.
- Publicize the approved Adult Education stipend program.