

Bristol Recreation Advisory Council

July 17, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Present: Rick Alpers, Shannon Hall, Jason Briand, Vincent Milano, Ben LaRoche (zoom), MaKayla Smith, Nate Saler, Dan MacLean, Les Dion

Rick Alpers called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

**Voting Agenda**

Secretary's Report: The June 11, 2025 Secretary's Report was reviewed. Jason Briand moved to accept. Vincent Milano second and the motion passed 7-0-0.

Financial Review: Mike O'Neill reviewed the financials. He reported that we have 17 accounts and \$303,788.61 in operating funds at this time. We are still awaiting info on when the audit will be done. We discussed the cost of credit card fees and whether we should consider asking for voluntary payment of the fees.

Director's Report: No questions.

**OLD BUSINESS**

EPA Update: We are at the point where we need to put the work to be done out to bid. Les will be working on getting that out. One question we had was if we could use vinyl on the Archery Range floor. Les said that Mari did say we could use plywood and paint it. She will follow up about vinyl.

Music Room: Les reports that Mark has received an additional grant for \$7,500 for furnishings for the music room. Doug Thompson, Mark, Dan and Kyle have a meeting tomorrow.

Audit: We have been uploading info as needed. Will have to check to see when they expect to be done.

Board Members: We discussed the need for representatives from Bridgewater, Danbury, Groton and Hebron. Jason has a person interested in joining the Board as well and he will follow up with them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Event/Program Committee Update**

Gala: Rick, Dan & Les went to Rob Wilsons house to see if it will work for our Social Event. It was amazing and is a perfect venue. Makayla Royea had done a draft invitation. It was agreed that we want it to be postcard size. Dan and Makayla will work on it and get it out to print ASAP. Les asked that we give thought to who should be invited. We will focus on our pickle ball group and some of the folks from last year but there are others we should include. Les will follow up on the tent, tables and chairs and music. The event committee will meet for other details.

Lobster/Chicken Dinner: Les reports that Frank may not be able to be at the event. He can prep the chicken potentially but not grill. Jason said he will grill again. Scott said he will help with lobster or grilling. Vinny will do the butter prep again and Shannon will be there for dinner and clean-up. Rick will be there as well.

Fall Building Celebration for CDFA Grant: We need to work with the event committee to decide what we want to do for this.

Review of Program Fees: Rick had asked Les and Dan to review our current building fees and make suggestions for increases. Les had some suggested ones and said we need to decide on the After School increase now as they will open registration on August 1<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed to go to \$60/week and \$15/day for drop-ins. Les and Dan will review the other increases and report back at our next meeting.

Other: Tom Keegan stopped by and cut Bittersweet that was growing on the side of the building. He suggested we contact a company that could take care of it as it is close to the units on the outside of the building. Dan went out and cleaned out the units and contacted Jack Doucette to come and do a treatment.

***Shannon Hall moved to go into Non-Public Session. Vincent Milano seconded.***

*Adjournment: Vincent Milano moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Shannon Hall second.*

*Respectfully submitted, Leslie Dion*

*Approved 9-4-25*