

Bristol Recreation Advisory Council

September 4, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Present: Rick Alpers, Jason Briand, Kendra Cullen, Doug Williams, Dan MacLean, Nate Saler, Shannon Hall, Vincent Milano, Dillon Therrien, MaKayla Smith, Mike O'Neill, Ben LaRoche, Scott Doucette, Les Dion

Rick opened the regular meeting following our Executive Session.

Secretary's Report: The July 17, 2025 Report was reviewed. Jason Briand moved to accept the report. Vincent Milano seconded and the motion passed 13-0-0. Nate asked if we could get the meeting minutes soon after our meeting so that those not in attendance will know what is discussed and what needs to be done. Les said she will follow up with Stephanie to see if she can do that.

Treasurer's Report: Mike reported that we need to work on the format of the budget to make it clearer what our operational budget is easier to understand. We have so many accounts such as Scouts, Marathon, etc. that it can get confusing. Les thinks that the auditors will also come back with suggestions on this. We are hopeful to have the audit to us by the end of this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Abatement Update: Les let the Board know that she has sent our info to a number of abatement companies and has had a response from two that would like to come and see the building. She will keep us posted. Doug said that he is not happy with the options for the Archery Range floor. He would prefer to see it ground and then epoxied. He is willing to come out and meet with the abatement company when they tour the building and ask that question.

Music Program: Doug Thompson, Kyle Masterson, Mark Dionne and Dan have had a few meetings. They would like to use the end of the Archery Range for a storage space by building a wall across that end. Dan has asked Rocky Daniels for a quote to do this. Mark was able to write two grants for a total of \$13,500 to do the work. We also hope to get a new stage curtain. We hope to start the program in October.

Audit: The auditor's have said that we should have the results by the end of this month with our tax return for 2024.

Building Project Update: Already covered.

Event/Program Committee Update: The new invitations were sent out. Krystal is working on the maple syrup gifts. Kendra has the quote from Great Events Catering and they have given us a reduced cost again this year. Rick will pick up the alcohol. We have about 40 people including Board members. Dan has lined up Reed Wilson, Barb Kohout and Dan Douville as speakers. We will have our video as well. The tent and tables have been reserved. Bliss Paint & Sip gave us a discount on a painting that can be auctioned off. We agreed to have a zoom meeting to finalize details on Monday at 11 am. Les will send out the invite.

Lobster/Chicken Evaluation: Les asked for feedback on the dinner. All went well. We didn't have as big a crowd as last year. Jason said the two grills worked fine for the chicken. We had a lot left over so we can adjust the amount next year. We also want to change the hours to 5:30-6:30 pm for serving. Having the box truck from Jason made clean up go quickly. Les believes that we will net about \$1,000. She suggests we go up on prices next year as \$25 for the lobster is pretty cheap and they were expensive this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Building Celebration: We need to pick a date for the Grand Re-Opening of our building. October is a very busy month for us. It was decided to go with November 4th.

Annual Fund Newsletter: Les reports that she would like to have it professionally done this year. It was agreed that this would be a good idea. It was suggested we try using Chat GPT to put it together.

2026 Budget Planning: Rick said he had asked for some info as we start getting serious about development. Les is working on a draft of the budget but is concerned that we are tapping into our reserves due to the TTCC Building project. Rick feels that we have to consider adding a staff member for 2026 as we have maxed out our current staff. We will need to set up a meeting on the budget in the next two weeks as some towns want the info by the end of September. We need to work on the budget format to simplify it. We will have better ideas once the audit is done.

We discussed what the Hutchins family is going through with Alex being in Dartmouth. It was agreed that we would send a card, flowers and \$250 to the family.

Adjournment: Mike O'Neill moved to adjourn at 8 pm. Dillon Therrien second.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Dion

Approved 10-24-25