Bristol Recreation Advisory Council

April 8, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Present: Rick Alpers, Scott Doucette, Shannon Hall, MaKayla Smith, Nate Saler, Stephanie Vogel, Ben LaRoche, Dillon Therrien (zoom), Dan MacLean, Les Dion

Rick Alpers called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was reviewed. Les reported that the Treasurer's Report show more expenses than usual for this time of year. She explained that the Building Maintenance line is up due to the painting of the Archery Range and the purchase of a new floor washer. The Capital Projects line includes the lead abatement work that totaled $41,224 and the Other Program expense shows an increase for the Dance classes that are paid from that line. Our current balance in our operating account is $153,000. We still have two towns that have not paid and Les has sent them another reminder.

MaKayla Smith moved to approve the consent agenda for 4/8/26. Nate Saler second and the motion passed 8-0-0.

We discussed the Rec 1 platform that we use for registrations. Some of the Board members said that it was difficult to use especially on a cell phone. Dan reported that he and Mikayla have been investigating potential companies that we could change to in the future that would make it more user friendly.

Strategic Goal #1 - Financial

We have secured 10 dates for Casino Nights at Lakes Region Casino. We had hoped to get into the REVO or a busier venue but the waiting lists are very long. We should be able to raise $5,000-$15,000 and will advertise the dates. Ben asked if we can send him our application so he can compare it to some others and see if we need to do anything different.

Les & Mark will be zooming with Ed from HUD tomorrow to get our funds released. We will submit an invoice for $150,000 which will allow us to pay Mike Sharp back for his loan.

Les reported that the Network for Good platform we have been using has gone up to $5,000/year and they are no longer as good as they were when we started. She and Mark have been reviewing potential other platforms to switch to.

Rick has spoken with Marty from CASA about development planning. The Board feels that we are at the stage where we will need to hire a person that can focus solely on development. Krystal Alpers is willing to put together a grant application for NH Charitable to see if we could get funding for the first year. We discussed the possibility of full time vs part time but the consensus seemed to be on full time.

Strategic Goal #2 - Building

Lakes Region Planning Re-Use Planning of 90 Lake Street & Kelley Park Event: Les explained that LRP is looking for some guidance from the Board on what we hope to accomplish through this community info gathering. We need to give them some potential dates either during the week or on a weekend. We had indicated that it would be better during the week. They can do a simple draft design of what we want to build. It was agreed that this would be helpful to have at our meeting. We picked potential dates of Tuesdays – 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, or 6/23. Les will let them know.

They suggest our first meeting with the public be on-site at 90 Lake Street. Les met with the Bristol Selectboard last Thursday and they are very excited about the project and agree that the town should be involved in this event as it will tie in with Kelley Park.

Strategic Goal #3 – Succession

Rick explained that we are working on succession planning and wanted to be able to make an announcement as to what our plan will be. Les felt that it would be good to get the info out sooner rather than later. It was agreed that we want to advertise for the Assistant Director position to see what potential candidates may be out there.

Les reported that Makayla has received her Bachelors Degree 😊 The Board wanted to congratulate her and asked Les & Dan to do something for her.

Ben LaRoche moved to go into Executive Session. Nate Saler second and the motion passed 8-0-0.

Ben LaRoche moved to come out of Executive Session. Stephanie Vogel seconded and the motion passed 8-0-0.

Nate Saler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Shannon Hall second.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Dion

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