

Bristol Recreation Advisory Council
August 5th, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Present: Ben LaRoche, Frank Dolloff, Shannon Hall, Les Dion, Rick Alpers, Dan MacLean, Stephanie Vogel, Kendra Cullen, MaKayla Smith, Doug Williams, Jason Briand, Mike O'Neill

6:30 pm

Minutes from 1/21/26 approved

Minutes from 4/8/26 approved

Minutes from 6/30/26 approved

Treasurer's 6/30/26 report approved

No questions from the board

Goal #1- Development:

BRAC will start the search for a Development role to meet the need by 2027. Mark put together his qualifications. These documents along with what Mark envisions for goals were presented to the board to review. We all felt that this information was a great start. BRAC would like to meet with Mark at our next board meeting to discuss.

Entered executive session 6:40 pm

Exited executive session 7:11 pm

Goal #2 Facility:

Charette provided good feedback for the BRAC board. All data has been input into a google doc and shared with BRAC. LRP also provided a review of what the community was asking for. Kendra made comment about how the community appears to be choosing options A,B,C- and not much else. We need to do a better job explaining that if money was no option what would they want. Shannon and MaKayla suggested that the summer and afterschool staff should have the question asked as well. Dan will follow up with that.

Les and Dan would like to start a Project Team. We will be looking for 5-7 people for this committee. Les, Dan, and Rick will talk about additions to this team. Candidates should have the ability to meet midweek and provide walk throughs as needed. Ben will have RFQ interviews on 9/9.

Goal #3 Succession Plan:

BRAC supports the decision to address roles of employees as follows.

Connor- Sports/ Coach Director. Connor will start this role in September.

Dan will be adding staff announcements to the coming communications.

Other:

Board Engagement- BRAC bylaws were reviewed by Les. After 3 missed meetings BRAC has the ability to decide if member should continue or leave. We all understand life is busy. Most having young families or filling grandparent roles. Dan will work on cleaning up email list. Dan will continue to request RSVP prior to meetings. Rick suggested boards run best at 16-18 members. Looking to add younger families, or roles that we could benefit from. Steph suggested Wescott Law. They oftentimes like to put their staff on community boards. Les or Dan will look into adding a “wanted ad” for open board positions.

Les and Dan would like to add Pete Daniels as a “Life Member”

Approved: Doug 1st, Steph 2nd

Lobster Chicken Supper- Committed board members and volunteers as follows: Doug, Rick, Frank, Scott, Steph, Kendra, Vinnie, Jason, Pete, Marc Cullen, and Heath Matthews.

Corn will be provided at wholesale pricing by Surowiec Farm at \$30 per bushel. Dan will place the order. Frank will start trimming chicken, Jason to help if needed.

Energy Audit- Paul Bemis would like to come do an energy audit. This will cost \$0.00. If we are looking into solar this would be a needed step. We should also look into solar grants from USDA and Eversource; if and when the time comes.
Approved: All

Boiler- BRAC will need to start looking into the replacement of the boiler. Les will put out feelers to HVAC companies. Suggested companies Smith River HVAC, and Nick’s plumbing and heating.

8:06 pm- Meeting adjourned.

Approved: Mike 1st, Frank 2nd

Respectfully submitted,

Kendra Cullen

Approved 9-16-26