



RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

March 12, 2025

3:00 PM

Hybrid: Acton Recreation Center/Zoom

Acton Recreation Center

50 Audubon Drive, Acton, MA 01720

Present: David Martin (DM) Select Board Liaison; Jeff Bergart (JB), Commissioner; Melissa Settipani-Rufo (MSR), Recreation Director; Steve Trimble (ST), Clerk; Joe Will (JW), Chair.

Absent: none

Public Attendees: none

JW opened the meeting at 3:00 PM.

I. Recreation Commission Regular Business

1. Review of meeting minutes from February 05, 2025. JW sent one correction to MSR.
Minutes accepted as amended.
2. Residents' Concerns.
None
3. Reports:
 - a) *Events, Programs, & Facilities*
 - a. MSR noted there was nothing new to report
 - b. Floor hockey will be starting up at the Rec Center.
 - i. She also mentioned new adult programming of adult basketball (Elm St.) and men's soccer (Concord Road).

b) Community Preservation Act

a) Current Projects

- Jones Field Shade Structure: There was a meeting this past Monday with O'Brien & Sons to start an estimate for installing a shade structure at Jones.
- NARA Sports Plaza Shade Structure: It was ordered and expected to be installed before camp starts. It will be blue to match the Miracle League Field's shade structure.
- Dog Park: MSR noted they would have a fundraiser in April at the Rec Center.

b) New CPA requests: Disc Golf Design & Installation requested for the Town Forest near pump track. Request amount: \$45k reviewed on 02/11/2025. Steve noted it passed the CPC and will now need to pass at Town Meeting in May.

II. New/Other Business

4. Bike Share Program:

- MSR deferred to JB who noted the new edits to the Recreation Commission Charge was approved by the Select Board. He reviewed a four-town bike share with Acton coordinating through the Planning and Sustainability Departments. JB wondered if the Request for Proposals (RFP) addressed how the customers will know about the rules (e.g., under 16 need to wear a helmet). Acton put out the RFP with up to 35 2-wheel bikes across Concord, Lincoln, Maynard, and Acton. The bike share program will have three Acton locations: Donelan's, East Acton Village Green, and the South Acton Train Station. There was a supporting grant of \$187,450. Acton Rec rents seven adaptive trikes at NARA.

5. 250th Anniversary Update:

- ST requested we have the 250th celebrations schedule included in Recreation e-newsletter that is sent on a biweekly schedule.
 - a. Isaac Davis Brown Ale will be having its 2nd Release Party on Thursday, March 13, 3-Closing; Dirigible Brewing Company, 24 Porter Road, Littleton, MA.
 - b. South Acton Walking Tour; Saturdays March 22, April 5, at 1:00 PM. Register at tinyurl.com/Acton250-March22 or tinyurl.com/Acton250-April5
 - c. "Military Intelligence and Spies" with John Bell; Monday, March 31, 7-8:30 PM; Room 204, Acton Town Hall.
 - d. Acton 250th's Remembrance of April 19th, 1775: a 21+ Celebration of the Acton Minutemen. Where: Acton Discovery Museum; When: April 16, 2025 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM.
 - e. Friday: April 18th, March at 6:30 AM; Ceremony at Davis Monument; bus transportation will be provided back; Robbins Ride at 5:00 PM.
- ST sent Melissa the flyer from Jim Snyder-Grant for a Concord Museum May bike ride commemorating the 4/19/1775 march.
- Faulkner Homestead and Jones Tavern events: ironworkfarm.org/.
- Acton Minutemen Activities: Isaac Davis Trail March Friday, April 18th, from 6:30 - 10:30 AM. Later that day the annual Robbins Ride leaves at 5:00 PM from the soccer field on Concord Road. This is best viewed at the Faulkner House. Minutemen will be in Lexington, Concord, and Arlington on the weekend. For further details see: actonminutemen.org/calendar/.

6. Recreation Volunteer of the Year Award:

- ST is reintroducing a plaque at the Rec Center with the name of each year's recipient. This was done 1999-2007.
- MSR nominated Peter McLean as Recreation Volunteer of the Year. Peter is a motivated person looking to help with NARA maintenance. This past year, he helped with weeding and mulching various gardens at NARA, as well as sanding and staining new picnic tables. Recreation loves his dedication to beautifying NARA. JW motioned to approve with ST seconding; unanimous approval by roll call.
- JW motioned to adjourn with ST seconding. Unanimous approval by roll call.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM.

Upcoming Recreation Commission Meetings

Date	Time	Location
April 2, 2025	3:00 PM	Acton Recreation Center/Zoom
May 7, 2025	3:00 PM	Acton Recreation Center
June	No meeting	