

**Recreational Space Committee
Agenda 7/23/25**

Let's Get the Balls Bouncing!



Weld Multi-Use Space Committee

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We will meet at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, July 23rd, at the Multi-Purpose Room of the Town Office Building. I will not plan to have a ZOOM meeting set up unless I hear that one of our committee members requests one.

Agenda

- ☐ Plan a presence at Heritage Day
 - ☐ Create a document to share at Heritage Day
 - ☐ Create a document to collect feedback at Heritage Day
- ☐ Motion from Nancy
 - ☐ The committee should apply for a \$10,000 grant from the WHS Peter Schofield bequest to engage a playspace architect to draw up a plan for the current tennis court area, which would include the vision of all committee members.
 - ☐ Lise has a friend in the business. The Town of Andover, Maine, engaged **Sashie Misner | Landscape Architecture** for the tennis court and recreational grant application
- ☐ Get ready to meet with the State about the grant.
- ☐ Plan a couple of field trips.
- ☐ Try to determine the true nature of the noise factor.
- ☐ What are our priorities?
 - ☐ Site
 - ☐ Original Tennis Court Site
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 - ☐ Town Garage/Old Ball Field
 - ☐ Other
 - ☐ Vision
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Lots of decisions to be made -

- ☐ Best way to seek guidance from the town?
- ☐ How to find funding?
- ☐ How to design a project when we have no idea how much funding we will be able to raise?
- ☐ Especially realizing we will get little or no support from townsfolk until they know we have found funding, and most funding locations want to know we have citizen support!

Shortly, we need to plan a meeting with the state to help us move forward with hopefully securing funding through —

Land and Water Conservation Fund

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1964 (LWCF) was established to assist federal, state, and local governments in the acquisition and/or development of public outdoor recreation facilities. Administered at the federal level by the National Park Service and at the state level by the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, LWCF grants can provide up to 50% of the allowable costs for approved acquisition or development projects for public outdoor recreation.

- **2025 Maximum grant award** = \$500,000.
- **No minimum award level**, but applicants considering a request of \$20,000 or less should discuss their project concepts with the grant manager before applying.
- **LWCF grants can provide up to 50% of the allowable costs** for approved acquisition or development projects for public outdoor recreation.
- **Request Assistance** - Eligible agencies are encouraged to contact the Grants and Community Recreation program for assistance and guidance during the application process.

Application Eligibility, Process, and Deadlines

- **Eligibility** - The only eligible applicants are the State of Maine, counties, municipalities, school districts, and tribal nations.
- **Step 1 - Request a project eligibility assessment** - This request should be made as soon as possible in order to allow enough time to complete the application. It also should be done before the municipal town meeting cycle if at all possible. *Request a [Site Inspection Now](#).*
- **Step 2 - Complete the application after the site inspection** has been conducted and eligibility confirmed. In accordance with our Application Guidance document, cloud shared access to completed application packets should be submitted via email to Mathew Henion (contact information below). *2025 grant cycle application deadline = 5pm Friday June 27th.*
- **Step 3 Acknowledgement Signs** Projects that are awarded funds must display acknowledgment signs in prominent locations. Download the [Sign Order Form](#).