Recreational Space Committee
Agenda 7/23/25

What Land Does the Town Own?

Weld Multi-Use Space Committee

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We will meet @ 6:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Town Office Building on Tuesday Sept 30th.

Zoom Invitation

Lise Bofinger is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Weld Rec Space Sept

Time: Sep 30, 2025 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting Agenda

- [ ] Accomplishments since last meeting
    - [ ] Virtual Meeting with Mat Henion of Maine Bureau of Parks and Land re FY26 LWCF PEA Grant - See Carla's excellent summary of meeting
    - [ ] Site Visit with Mat Henion of Maine Bureau of Parks and Land re FY26 LWCF PEA Grant - Mat came to One School Street and met with Lise, Nancy, Carla and Mike. He toured the court area, Town Hall Parking lot as well as checking out brook potential bridge site and One School Street.
    - [ ] Received one estimate for a survey $3500 - $5000 from Acme in Farmington, Mike Olson was going to try to get another estimate.
    - [ ] Information about Contributions to town for this project:

Donations to municipalities are tax-deductible if the contribution is made solely for a public purpose. While local governments are not 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, they are still "qualified organizations" under Internal Revenue Code Section 170(c)(1).

Requirements for a tax-deductible donation

For your contribution to a municipality to be tax-deductible, you must meet the following criteria:

- For public purposes only. The donation must not be for the exclusive benefit of a specific individual, and you cannot receive anything of value in return for the gift.
    - Deductible example: Donating cash to the police department as a reward for crime information or giving funds to a city to reduce the public debt.
    - Non-deductible example: Donating to a local government in exchange for property or services, such as a prime parking spot.
- Itemize your deductions. You must itemize your deductions on Schedule A of your federal income tax return to claim a charitable contribution. The deduction is not available if you take the standard deduction.

- Follow substantiation rules. You must keep records of your gift. For cash or property contributions of $250 or more, you must get a contemporaneous written acknowledgment from the municipality.

Important Next Steps:

- Organize an informational letter and meeting for all town residents within ¼ (+/_) mile of current tennis courts.
- Get survey completed - once we have an estimate we should submit a Historical/Schofield grant application and get land surveyed.
- Find our group of strong supporters so we know who to turn to when we need help.
- Make sure we are including enough factions to bring interest to this project
    - Tennis players
    - Pickleball players
    - Basketball Players
    - ???? Who are we missing
- Who are our nay sayers and how can we try to win them over? With a positive message.