

Recreational Space Meeting – August 27, 2025

Attendees: Nancy Stowell, Lise Bofinger, and Carla Gauthier

Heritage Day Table Feedback: Of the people who stopped by the table, people overwhelmingly were in favor of first pickleball, then tennis. There were two votes for badminton and one for remote cars.

Meeting with Mat Henion of Maine Bureau of Parks & Lands. September 11th there is a 1:00 pm teams call with Mathew Henion of Maine Bureau of Parks & Lands regarding the FY26 LWCF PEA Grant. We are meeting at the Town Office building. All are invited to participate.

A Few Questions for Mat (he spells it with one “T”)

- What is ADA compliant for the courts?
- Are we required to have accessible bathrooms? Or we could build a permanent outhouse behind/at the town hall that is ADA Compliant to meet both the Town Hall needs and the multiuse space?
- What is the process for the application and the timeline (it states Part One; is there another section we need to complete as well?)
- When do we have our site visit?
- Detailed description of the project – what is important to include in here? Review basic requirements and what we should include the first time for application success.
- The application mentions trails. We do not have trails – is this a barrier? Do we have any barriers that Mat can see?

Committee’s Priorities for Next Meeting in September

We need a survey done of the multiuse space site property. Lise will talk to Selectboard members. There is money in the Towns tennis budget. Can we use this? A survey is instrumental to coming up with viable options for the property.

We will invite Sean Minear to the next Recreational Space meeting (September 17th). We would like to establish ties with One School Street to make this a community vision in alignment with both organizations’ vision.

We are also interested in applying for a grant (Schofield) to create an engineering plan once the survey is done. An engineering plan will be used for town approval and the application for a grant from the MBPL. We estimate that an engineering plan will be approximately \$10K.

We are very interested in rebuilding the bridge that used to exist between the Town Hall and the now tennis courts. We are also interested in joining the now tennis court property with One School Street and the vision of the Historical Society. We will examine ways to do that with Sean Minear.

Once we have completed a survey and engineering plan, we will present a few viable options to the selectboard. We will also begin to discuss fundraising outside to the MBLP application. We will then also go back to the DEP once we have a more solid plan of our options.

The vision of the recreational space committee will be one tennis court, two pickleball courts, and one basketball hoop for now.

A few side notes:

The existing courts may be on chicken coop property. A survey will answer that. The tennis courts have been on that chicken coop property for 50+ years.

We will put a stipulation in the proposal that every measure will be taken for noise mitigation in the new multiuse space.

Lise suggested maybe reaching out to people abutting the space to get their input on our plan. Maybe have a get together before the snow flies.

Mary Olson spoke to Pine State Asphalt (Greg) – he suggested a 120' x120' multi-use court. This would provide many viable options for layout of space. The court would be made of a flexible material not prone to crack. He also included a 10" fence around property. Standish Maine recently spent \$148K on a new multiuse court. He said to estimate \$200K for our project to be safe. Greg has not visited our site, so this is all an estimate.

Meeting adjourned