

**Minutes**  
**Alton Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**March 26, 2026**  
**6:00pm, Pearson Road Community Center**

Members Present: Ken Roberts, Kelly Sullivan, Erick Bourdeau, Kristin Thomas and Carol Diveny  
Board of Selectmen Representative Present: Andrew Morse  
Staff Present: Kellie Troendle-Parks and Recreation Director

***Call To Order***

Chairman, K. Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:59pm.

***Approval of Agenda***

K. Sullivan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; motion was seconded by E. Bourdeau and passed.

***Approval of Minutes***

E. Bourdeau made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 12, 2025, as presented. Motion was seconded by Carol Diveny and passed. K. Thomas abstained from the vote.

***Public Input (limited to 3 minutes per person- agenda items only)***

There was no Public Input.

***Old Business***

Liberty Tree Park- Skate Park Update- K. Troendle stated a request was submitted to DPW for repair assistance and because of the winter weather no further action has been taken on this project. As the weather changes DPW will be contacted about suggestions for upgrades as suggested by C. Tenander.

Recap of Let's Play Basketball Program- E. Bourdeau reported that about 35 players signed up for the basketball program geared for grades K-3. The program ran for 7 weeks and was held on Sundays at ACS. The program was successful and the players had fun with drill stations and interactive activities. Sponsors donated funds to pay for the shirts and there was no cost to the Town or participants. The Commission noted the program was offered for free to the Alton community and surrounding Towns. E. Bourdeau discussed moving forward with offering the program in 2027 and continuing the free program for grades K-3 and working to build up the program and offer a U8, U10, and U12 program in the future. There was discussion that sponsors would cover the free programs for the younger ages for soccer and basketball. There was further discussion that sponsorship supported, affordable participation fees may be charged for the U8-U12 teams (in addition to sponsor support) to help cover uniforms, officials, league software program, etc. E. Bourdeau discussed working with other Towns (Pittsfield, Gilmanton, New Durham) to build a League for soccer and basketball and

that he will develop a plan to move forward with the sports programs. The Commission thanked E. Bourdeau for his commendable efforts and for his interest and work in providing the youth sports programs.

PMHS Tennis Courts- E. Bourdeau reported that PMHS was agreeable to add pickleball court lines on one of the school tennis courts with the Town covering the cost of the line painting. E. Bourdeau will confirm the details of the projected cost, name of the vendor to complete the work, number of pickleball courts that can be lined and the time frame of this endeavor.

### ***New Business***

Earth Day Program- K. Troendle reported the Boy Scouts are sponsoring a “Trash the Trash Day” event on April 19 from 1-4pm as part of a national Earth Day event. K. Sullivan reported Friends of Parks and Recreation is sponsoring an event at B&M Park on April 19 from 1-3pm where the public is invited to talk about proposed park improvements and collaborate on ideas. The Garden Club will assist in identifying invasive plants and suggesting native plants that can be added to the park landscape. K. Troendle reported that the Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring an Earth Day- Park Clean Up event on April 22 at B&M Park from 10am-12noon in honor of Earth Day where people are invited to help clean up the park.

Sponsorship opportunities for sports management software- K. Troendle noted that the Town is not able to fund the Sports Engine Website under the IT budget due to the operating budget not being passed by the voters. E. Bourdeau noted that the sports management software would be important to have in place for the organization and communication of the sports programs and that sponsors should be able to cover the cost of the website. E. Bourdeau offered to look into a plan for sponsorship opportunities for the sports program website.

Spring/Summer Sports Discussion- K. Troendle reported that AYL is sponsoring a Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball League from April 1-June 30; a Summer Softball League from July 1- August 8 and a Fall Baseball program from August 19-October 11 all at Jones Field. The Commission was happy to see these wonderful opportunities offered for the Alton community. K. Troendle noted that the Department met with a resident about the Parks and Recreation Department offering other sports programs but did not recommend that option at this time as Parks and Recreation is looking to continue the Let’s Play Soccer and Basketball Programs and explore developing a Parks and Recreation Athletics program with ideas/plan from E. Bourdeau. The Commission discussed focusing on its core sports: Soccer, Basketball, Baseball/Softball (through AYL), and proceeding from there. There was discussion on offering a sport focused: after school program, a between the seasons program and a program during the summer.

Friends of Parks and Recreation Update- K. Sullivan reported that the Friends of Parks and Recreation is hosting a collaboration meeting as an extension of the Community Forum to get ideas from residents on suggested improvements at B&M Park on April 19. The Commission noted that once suggestions for improvements were decided and finalized that they be brought to the Commission for review and discussion then to the Board of Selectmen for approval and acceptance.

NNE Parks and Recreation Conference- K. Troendle provided an overview of the sessions attended during the NNE conference such as senior programming, staff training, leadership, effective communication, and marketing and advertising. By attending the conference and sessions K. Troendle earns continuing education credits which are needed to retain the Certified Parks and Recreation professional status. The director also plans to incorporate new ideas into programs at the Alton Parks and Recreation Department.

Parks and Recreation Programs- E. Bourdeau suggested sponsoring a Corn Hole Tournament in Alton Bay on a Saturday before the concerts and offered to coordinate and run the event. Possible dates were discussed to have the tournament including July 4, August 1 or 8. K. Troendle provided a list of upcoming programs that are scheduled including: Egg Hunt; USTA Tennis Lessons for Adults and Youth; Exercise Classes; Meditation; Gardening Programs in April and May; 10 Summer Concerts; Line Dance Lessons; 5K Race; Craft Fair; Collette Tours to Cowboy Country (Wyoming, South Dakota) and Italy; Dungeons and Dragons; Drumming workshop; and Museum Open House. Staff are currently working on Summer Programs and before finalizing the details are waiting to see if the Town's operating budget will be modified because under the default budget there is not funding for all of Department line items so future cuts may be possible effecting future community programs.

Trail Connectivity Committee- Alton resident, Peter Bolster, in cooperation with the Rotary Club using a 3-5 year plan, would like to form a committee to look into connecting trails for biking in Alton with neighboring communities bike trails. The Commission discussed connecting the bike trails in Alton together before branching outside of Alton. K. Troendle will let the Commission know when the Bike Trails meeting is scheduled.

Recreation Revolving Fund Request- K. Troendle requested the following expenses be reimbursed from the Recreation Revolving Fund:

- Pickleball \$80.42- 26 indoor balls- \$51.96; drying rack for hanging throw down lines- \$28.46;
- 5K Race- \$35.96- 4 cooler bags for prizes;
- Zoom- \$159.90-12 month subscription for Weight Training Class;
- **Total \$276.28**

K. Sullivan made a motion to approve the \$276.28 reimbursement request as presented; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed.

#### *Other*

AYL Green Monster Upcoming Project- K. Troendle reported that the AYL is working on a plan for improvements to the Green Monster Fence at Little Fenway. There are researching ideas and are currently looking at a solid panel, composite plastic, solid wall that will look like the Green Monster. AYL will keep the chain link fence to protect the softball field. The estimated cost for the improvements is \$40,000-\$50,000 which will be paid by the AYL. The AYL said it would be about six weeks lead time to get the materials. Once a final plan is confirmed, the AYL will bring their plan to the Commission for review and discussion and the Commission will forward the final plan with their recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for approval and acceptance.

***Public Input II (limited to 5 minutes per person on any Governmental/Town Business)***

No public input.

***Adjournment***

C. Diveny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm; the motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Pearson Road Community Center.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kellie Troendle, Certified Park and Recreation Professional  
Parks and Recreation Director*

APPROVED 5.7.26