

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
May 7, 2026
6:00pm, Pearson Road Community Center

Members Present: Ken Roberts, Kelly Sullivan, Kristin Thomas and Carol Diveny

Board of Selectmen Representative Present: Andrew Morse

AYL Representative: Christi Wood, Treasurer

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle-Parks and Recreation Director

Call To Order

Chairman, K. Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:58pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

K. Thomas made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 26, 2026, as presented. Motion was seconded by K. Sullivan.

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

There was no Public Input.

Meeting with the Alton Youth League- Green Monster

Christi Wood, AYL representative and Treasurer, presented the Alton Youth League's proposal to make improvements to the Green Monster Fence at Jones Field that is deteriorating and in need of repair. The AYL looked at many options including chain link fence, fence padding and wind screens but wanted to keep the Little Fenway look with a solid wall. The AYL looked at costs, quality of materials, and warranties of solid wall products. After much research and discussion, the AYL decided to proceed with the ChampionWall product. The Sports Netting Systems company will supply the entire system including delivery, installation and all hardware. There is also a fifty-year warranty, and panels are easy to replace if needed. If the green color fades over the lifetime of the product there is PVC compatible paint by Benjamin Moore so overall maintenance should be limited. The Commission reviewed the printed materials including photos of the front and back side of the wall, the schematics of the plan overview, and the cost sheet. The AYL will also hire Terracon to perform a Geotech survey to confirm the safety of the wall installation and secure footing placement. The AYL will also hire a contractor to locate the electrical line from the batting cage to the Snack Shack. Field access for the project contractors would be coordinated by the AYL with the DPW and Water Departments. Projects costs: Wall- \$66,307.56 (74'L x 12'T Wall, 76'L x 8'T Wall, with

Yellow Home Run Cap Kits, All Structure, Hardware, Foundations, Delivery and Installation); Geotech survey \$6,700; Electrical line identification \$400. Total project cost \$73,407.56. There was discussion about the Town contributing to this project through the DPW Department (staff labor, use of Town vehicles and disposing of the old wall). If approved by the Board of Selectmen, DPW would remove the old wooden fence but keep the chain link fence that is currently on top of the wooden fence. The chain link fence material would be reused with modifications and installed on the top of the new ChampionWall. The Town/AYL would also keep the batting cage chain link fence in place. The time frame of the project was discussed with the goal of having the wall installed by November 2026. The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed their appreciation for the hard work, fundraising efforts and quality vision by the Alton Youth League and the tremendous effort the AYL demonstrated in the project proposal and funding. The recommendation of the Commission will go to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen will meet on May 12, 2026 to review and discuss the AYL proposal; a Public Hearing will be held on May 26, 2026 for the Town to approve and accept the project and donation from the AYL.

K. Roberts made a motion for the Parks and Recreation Commission to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the approval of the Alton Youth League's Green Monster wall project as presented and to note this volunteer led project was funded entirely by donation. The motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed. K. Troendle will issue a memo to the Board of Selectmen from the Commission with this recommendation.

Old Business

PMHS Tennis Courts- discussion tabled until the next meeting. E. Bourdeau not in attendance due to rescheduled baseball game.

New Business

Parks and Recreation Athletic Program and Corn Hole Tournament- discussion tabled until the next meeting.

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

- Pickleball \$154.21- 6 rolls blue tape- \$61.32; Sports Court squeegee- \$92.89;
- Drumsticks- \$19.59
- Recreation Assistant Wage 2025- 24 weeks at \$20.17x7 hours= \$3,388.56 + 14 weeks at \$20.42x7 hours= \$2,154.18. Total payment for 2025= \$5,542.74
- Recreation Assistant Wages 2026- 19 weeks at \$20.42x7hours= \$2,923.53;
- **Total reimbursement \$8,640.07**

K. Sullivan made a motion to approve the \$8,640.07 reimbursement request as presented; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed.

Other

Friends of Parks and Recreation- Friends of Parks and Recreation is requesting a meeting with the Commission after June 3 for Jill Houser to present plans for improvements at B&M Park. The

Commission discussed date options and decided to meet on June 4. The Pearson Road Community Center may not be available for the meeting on that date so the Commission will plan to meet at the Parks and Recreation Department garage space.

Parks and Recreation Commission- Appointment of Board Members- The Commission discussed appointing the chairperson and co-chairperson for 2026 at the next meeting.

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

No public input.

Adjournment

K. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm; the motion was seconded by K. Sullivan and passed. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Alton Parks and Recreation building.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved 6.4.26