

**Town of Richmond**  
**Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**Tues, September 5, 2023 at 7 - 8:30 PM**  
**Hybrid- Town Office Conference Room, 3rd Floor**

Join Zoom Meeting

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- I. Call to Order (by 7:05pm)
- II. Welcome
- III. Public comment for non-agenda items (7:05-7:15)
- IV. Business: (7:40 - 8:30)
  - A. Administration:
    - i. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: [8.1.2023](#)
    - ii. Duncan - Park Use Events.
  - B. Selectboard Agenda ARPA Committee Recommendation: Review the video of the [SB 8/21/22023](#) (start at 1:18).
    - i. ARPA wanted \$450,000 of the 1.2 million towards maintenance priorities and improvement to Browns Court and Volunteers Green. Have a special committee to get public input. ARPA Committee wants a broad representation of Richmond residents only (e.g., baseball, senior center, arts, and other recreational activity representatives). Priorities include maintenance that have been deferred. The representatives from the ARPA did not feel the playground needed replacement based on the inspection. Maintenance examples included adding enough picnic tables and benches (these are rotting), and band shell maintenance. There were some other newer things like paths for seniors to walk around Volunteers Green and pickle ball at Brown's Court. SB generally voted on the following: To hold in reserve up to \$450,000 of ARPA funds for main improvements of Volunteer's Green and Brown's Court pending receipt of detailed proposal by the end of March 2024 and if all or part of the proposal is not received and approved then the ARPA funds will be returned.
    - ii. What does this information mean for the Recreation Committee mission and vision of the recreation committee efforts?
    - iii. Next steps
  - C. Playground inspection and update on the playground restoration Duncan
  - D. Changes to the work plan for 2023-2024 discussion
  - E. Meeting schedule moving forward.

- F. Next meeting: October 3 set agenda items for the next meeting (continue discussion about Rec Committee Mission and Vision and changes to work plan).
- G. Adjourn: 8:30

Members:

- Kathy Costello (Bolton Representative)
- Mark Fausel (Richmond)
- Harland Stockwell (Richmond)
- Kirsten Santor (Richmond)
- Kate Kreider (Co-Chair)
- Sheri Lynn (Huntington Representative) (Co-Chair)

**Town of Richmond Recreation Committee**

Vision Statement

*To provide community members with boundless opportunities to spend their leisure time.*

Mission Statement:

*We serve the Communities of Richmond, Huntington, and Bolton by overseeing and designing a variety of diverse recreational programs accessible to all residents. These programs shall enhance community cooperation and resilience, and encourage active mind, body and spirit.*

Goals

1. *Improve access to a variety of recreational activities that promote wellbeing through increasing awareness of opportunities in the Richmond, Bolton, and Huntington community.*
2. *Promote collaboration in offerings to the community in addressing the health related social needs of a diverse population.*
3. *Increase community engagement by designing positive, cost-effective programs for all residents that promote wellbeing and resiliency.*
4. *Guide the creation and management of aesthetically pleasing, safe, healthful, and enjoyable public areas in Richmond, Bolton, and Huntington*

**Rec Committee Work Plan Table 2023 Priorities (Discussed 12.6.2022)**

- I. Area: Volunteers Green
  - A. Identify repairs and maintenance and improvement priorities for various funds (e.g. Capital Plan using reserve funds, ARPA, Conservation Funds)
  - B. Collect input from community on the improvements to playground
  - C. Recruit volunteers for community clean up in spring and/or summer months
- II. Area: Funding/Grant Writing

- A. Identify which of the three funding sources (Conservation Commission, reserve funds for Capital Plan, and ARPA) to use for the improvements to the Volunteers Green
- B. Develop a work plan (list of actions) to request funding from the three sources.
  - 1. Submit needed information to the Selectboard for the Capital Plan in January.
  - 2. Request to the Conservation Commission to be determined.
  - 3. ARPA will send recommendations to Selectboard - what else can be done.

III. Area: Outreach and Education:

- A. Website updated.
- B. Training on how to add to the web and update as needed.
- C. Comments are collected on website and linked to other towns. May also put a code up on VG.

IV. Recruitment of Volunteers and Board Members

- A. Senior Center newsletter.
- B. Recruit at spring community cleanup day.
- C. Front Porch Forum and other social media.