



Town of Deerfield Meeting Notice

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Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Town Hall Conference Room

Meeting November 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

- Gretchen Bysiewski, Chair
- Emily Bedell, Member
- Elizabeth Brown, Member
- Jeff Galli, Member
- Eileen Skribiski-Banack, Member
- Rod Warnick, Member
- Meagan Washburn, Member
- Gaby Richard-Harrington, Rec Director

Agenda:

Call meeting to order 6PM

Welcome

Introductions

Old Business:

Fill me in!

New Business:

Soccer Season Wrap Up

We had one big PK-K group this year because there were not enough kids for two distinct levels. Some parents weren't happy because one program moved from Monday evenings to Saturday mornings. There were about 20 kids in all. They learned skills and were up at Old Deerfield at the old elementary school.

The 1-2 kids had 2 teams and played an almost full schedule, as other towns also had fewer teams than in the past. The 1-2 group was about 34 kids. Missy Eich-Richardson with Kay Baudry, Bob Swazey, and Nikki Steir-Justice coached those groups.

The 3-4 kids had one team of 15 coached by Caitlin Downey.

The 5-6 group also had one team of about 16 coached by Sarah Beckwith and assisted by Alberto Lucero.

We started a week later than the other towns, as I had to complete the registration, find coaches, get refs, and get the season started behind the 8 ball and in short order. A shorter schedule and fewer teams were a challenge.

Field Hockey Season Wrap up

Field hockey season was an amazing success. First, it started and was set to go before Sue retired. We had 30+ Bantam level player attend the clinics in August. Since we didn't have plans to field a team this year, players looked to the Greenfield program if they wanted to play this season.

Our returning Youth players were joined by some new faces. We had a good rebuilding season. We were about 500, and earned a very respectable 4th place at the Valley Cup this year.

One girl scored a record 3 hat-tricks this season, while she and two teammates each scored a hat trick in our last game for a 9-0 not running up the score type of game. They just played beautifully. I have never heard of a 3 hat trick game. It may be a world record.

The Seniors were a combination of the Frontier JV and other former Youth team players. This added to the short middle school season and gave other former players - who may have joined other middle school sports - an opportunity to continue playing field hockey. They helped at Juniors

practices, some refereed our games, and were a vital part of the Frontier State 2nd place team on Saturday!

The program - now in its 6th year?

Pilates -

20 enrolled early fall

7 enrolled now

New forms with emergency contacts

Larger print

Website and paper registration

Social Media - FB and Insta - need to get control as admin from Sue. The accounts are under her personal account.

Media Release - for kids photos on site(s) - we need to write one or buy one and get it approved by town council.

Mouse Poop Shed behind library - needs to be cleaned and sanitized

Website Roll Out

Registration - 79 kids signed up so far

Discount codes - many coaches offered their discounts to deserving families

Messaging - the site has built in messaging

Flyers - may be a thing of the past

Parent Square - Lisa Jackson has been wonderful at DES

Ice Hockey Event with Thunderbirds - Fundraiser Option - Yes, let's try it.

Add adult programs - add what we can for young adults- senior citizens

Job Responsibilities - full vs half time / half pay

What do you as a committee do/decide and what do I do/decide

leave out crafts events and holiday events. Do all sports, new sports, and summer concert series - at least 4!

Meeting ended at 7:04 PM