



Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2025
7:00- Senior Lounge - 80 Main St., Terryville, CT
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Sharon Vitale
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1) Call to Order:

A Meeting of the Plymouth Parks & Recreation was called to order by Chairman Dennis Fowler on October 16, 2025 in the Senior Lounge, 80 Main Street, Terryville, CT at 7:00 p.m.

2) Members in attendance included:

Chairman Dennis Fowler, Kelly Vitale, John Glorioso, Kerry Bamrick, Cathy Beaudoin, Director Maureen Cappetto, T.J. Zagurski-Council liaison and Linda Schnaars – Acting Recording Secretary.

3) Pledge of Allegiance: Led by the Chairman.

4) Fire Exits: Pointed out by the Chairman.

5) Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Kerry Bamrick made a motion, followed by Kelly Vitale to approve the minutes of September 24, 2025 as presented and the motion was voted on unanimously.

6) Public Participation: None

7) Terryville Youth Soccer Club Report: None

8) Program Financials to date:

Director Cappetto went over the line items. She recommended having free senior events since there is money. A new policy was implemented where the Director can't go over any of her line items. Money has to be transferred into the line item.

Chairman Fowler stated that at a past meeting, the Commission gave the Director permission to spend money and have programs.

9) Revolving Fund Ideas:

Kerry Bamrick: Splash pad, mist station or spray ground, concrete chess and checker tables, workout stations at the park for teens/adults-cross fit circuit style, climbing walls or rope nets, outdoor sand volleyball court, full size basketball court with lights and seating or stands, inflatable obstacle court rentals for spring summer seasons in the parks, renovate and open the bathrooms at Lake Winfield, wheelchair and stroller accessible path at Lake Winfield or pave the path getting on the loop up to Lake Winfield, covered pavilion at Lake Winfield with picnic tables and lights, movie night in the park or pop up theatre, comedy nights or bands, a dog park, bike lanes throughout town or bike trails, giant lawn games like: corn hole, horse shoes, giant size Jenga and connect four at parks, digital kiosks throughout town with park and rec information and maps of trails, park info, and community news. Dance lessons in the park: salsa, swing, hip hop and yoga at sunrise or sunset.

Cathy Beaudoin: Feels a solution needs to happen to get manpower for the bathrooms at Lake Winfield. Need to have bathrooms for the elderly that like to walk around the lake.

Chairman Dennis Fowler: Corn hole – would like to see a collaboration fir Lake Winfield Development – have a plan with the town council.

Councilman Zagurksi: Lake Winfield has the most potential because it is visible in town. Public Works cannot get a full crew. The Board of Education wants nothing to do with maintenance. He suggested focusing on Veterans Park and Lake Winfield.

Kerry Bamirck is part of the Community Investment Fund Committee. The Committee has funds for bike trails around Lake Winfield.

John Glorioso stated that our teens need somewhere to hang out and be safe and not be overly monitored.

Director Cappetto read Vice-Chairman Richard Schnaars' suggestions: splash pad, amphitheater at Lake Winfield for bands and movies, lighting along Lake Winfield path, park renovations – improving fencing, better walkways and upgrade of swings equipment.

Kelly Vitale – agrees with what everyone said.

Director Cappetto will ask for a month extension to submit the capitals request.

Chairman Dennis Fowler will send an email out for a subcommittee of three to discuss the ideas and report back to the full commission.

10) Directors Report:

Plymouth Parks and Recreation Director Report – October 13, 2025

Current programs

- **Pickleball courts** – closing November 30th
- **Kayak Kiosk** - closing November 30th
- **Kayak Rack** – closing November 30th
- **Community Garden** – closing November 1st and the water is shutting off that day as well
- **Senior events** – Active Living Every Day - 12 week course has 6 participants; Senior Lunch and Learn in October and Brain Health 3 part series 7 participants. I received a grant to have 6 Senior Lunch & Learns. I submitted for a grant to have Senior events specific to men.

Future programs

- **Rec Basketball and Cheer** –start November 1st (late opening) We have Eli Terry Gym. New floor so I once again requested the BOE stop the sale of food and drink outside the gym. We will see – I did not push program dates for holidays or April break. We are picking our battles for now.

- **Gym time for Adult Pick Up leagues were approved as well.** I will post Monday
- **Bus trip to Salem** – with Thomaston Recreation on October 26 we may have to cancel only 9 people so far. Need to decide by the 22nd
- **Lanterns on Lake Winfield** – Fewer sponsors than I hoped again this year. More signs at event and advertising
Mostly the same as last year with more lights, porta potties and games
Still only venmo and cash at event. Lantern sales are low - 45

Odds and Ends

Please pass a policy “No open flames or propane in any Plymouth Parks”. We had a belligerent resident inquire today about Saturday. I would like to squash now. Police can ask them to leave if we have a written policy

Revolving fund/Capitals Ideas

Paul Will and Ryan and the share with Public Works. I have concerns once/if Jimmy Schultz retires.

We need to remind all parties of the original agreement.

It is not how things are currently perceived by Public Works.

I will try again to discuss with the Mayor.

Senior Center Funds with Mayor

Policy – no open flame policy:

A motion was made by John Glorioso, seconded by Kelly Vitale to have no open flames or propane at any Plymouth parks. This motion was approved unanimously.

Director Cappetto discussed the staff (Paul, Will and Ryan). She stated that when they do not have any park maintenance, then they work under the Public Works department. Ryan's workday is half facilities and half Parks and Recreation. Ryan cleans the police department as part of his 4 hours. Paul and Will help him. They should not be putting desks together, opening windows and moving boxes. The Public Works Director has them doing this. This is an issue as the Public Works Director does not understand the agreement. Director Cappetto will be meeting with the Mayor to go over this as it is a big concern. She would like to make sure everyone understands before the Highway Superintendent retires. They are Parks and Recreation maintenance. Director Cappetto will look for the past minutes where it was discussed about the employees.

Director Cappetto discussed the funding for the senior lounge. She was told by the Mayor and Finance Committee that funds would be available to redo the senior lounge. The police want to take the room over and she does not want to fix it up if they are going to have it. She would like to ask for the funds to redo the senior lounge, lobby outside the room and kitchen.

11) **Lanterns on Lake Winfield Updates:** Discussed previously.

12) **Chairman/Commissioner's Comments:**

Chairman Dennis Folwer apologized for not being at Lanterns on Lake Winfield as the soccer game was rescheduled. Wishes Director Cappetto the best for the event!

13) Adjournment:

John Glorioso made a motion, which was seconded by Kelly Vitale to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and the motion was voted on unanimously.

Submitted by,



Linda Schnaars

Acting Recording Secretary