



49 **Recreation Commission**  
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54 **Members signed forms for the following:**  
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56 ***Encore Bus Trip***

57 Thompson explained that the bus company wants them to sign a contract.  
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59 ***Security Alarm***

60 Alarm monitoring costs for the year and maintenance, totaling \$1,088.24.  
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62 ***Certificate for Week of Camp***

63 Thompson explained that she went to a Sandown PTA meeting to ensure they don't overlap  
64 programming. She said that they do Bingo for Books, but it is different than her idea, so they are still  
65 doing it. The prize for the auction/raffle is week of camp, and Thompson said she will write a  
66 certificate, and Commission gave consensus to allow.  
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69 **Review of February and March Programming**  
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71 ***Grandparents Day Animal Encounter***

72 Thompson explained that she had to close sign-ups for the grandparent's day event because they  
73 reach 50 people attending. She also shared that she decided to serve popcorn. Blaisdell suggested  
74 hosting another one, and Thompson said she might schedule another during April vacation week.  
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76 ***Conservation Hike & Lunch***

77 Thompson said she talked to Conservation and they asked to partner with Rec on the Monday of  
78 February vacation week for a lunch and hike at Great Rock, as well as play camp games, and Library  
79 is coming and reading a book. This is a free event. Members discussed doing the Sasquatch hunt  
80 again, and working together with Conservation.  
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82 ***Ladies' Night Out***

83 Thompson shared that Ladies' Night Out is almost booked, with only 3 more seats available, and  
84 everyone is excited.  
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86 ***Bingo***

87 Thompson said she hasn't spoken to Atkinson yet, as their director was out on medical leave. She is  
88 hoping to hear from her in the next few days.  
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90 ***Trivia***

91 Thompson explained that "pop culture" themed trivia was the winning theme. Thompson said she  
92 hasn't looked into the issue of alcohol yet, but members agreed that they must make the event 21  
93 years old or over allowed only.  
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95 ***Family Bus Trips***

96 Thompson updated that she has not heard back regarding family bus trips to Fisher Cats Games, but  
97 has reached out to the New England Aquarium, a whale watching company, and the Stone Zoo. She  
98 said the whale watch is too expensive, but the aquarium and zoo are more reasonably priced.

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104 ***Possible Camp-Out***

105 Thompson shared she is thinking of doing a camp-out on the field with the kids, but was unsure if  
106 this was allowed. Hudgins said scouts will get permission and can do it. Thompson said she will  
107 look into it.

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109 ***Possible Farmer's Market***

110 Thompson shared she would like to host a farmer's market in Sandown, and was thinking possibly  
111 3pm-6pm at the Rec Building. Longchamps asked about vendors, and Thompson said she spoke to  
112 a local farmer but they have to speak with Primex regarding it, and discussed the issue of getting  
113 enough vendors. Sharpe suggested reaching out to other towns and seeing if vendors want to do  
114 another market on a different night.

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116 ***Wilderness First Aid Class***

117 Dyer suggested that Thompson ask Conservation about partnering for a wilderness first aid class,  
118 as they are relatively inexpensive and can use their facility.

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120 ***Fishing Derby***

121 Thompson shared that she hopes to have a tent set up at this year's fishing derby in April. Hudgins  
122 reminded that they don't know if they will have access to the pond this year.

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124 ***Possible Airshow Bus Trips***

125 Sharpe explained that there are two big airshows happening this year. One is in Mansfield, MA, and  
126 one is at Pease Airforce Base in September. Thompson said she will look into them.

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129 **Summer Rec Update**

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131 ***Hiring***

132 Blaisdell asked about hiring, and Thompson said they are still short, with the ideal number of  
133 counselors being 13-14, but they currently have 10, so they are not far off her goal.

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135 ***T-Shirts***

136 Dyer asked about T-shirt companies for this summer's shirts, and Thompson said she has a contact  
137 from another town. Members discussed options for T-shirt companies.

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139 ***Transportation & Field Trips***

140 Dyer asked about transportation for this summer, and Thompson said she hasn't contacted them  
141 yet but plans to, as most places aren't open yet. Thompson said they hope to go to the Stone Zoo,  
142 and Dyer suggested roller skating in Tyngsboro or ice skating. Thompson said they also hope to go  
143 to Mel's Park.

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154 **Rec Facility Improvements**

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156 ***Miller Field Trees***  
157 Members discussed taking down trees at Miller Field, and suggested doing it themselves. Members  
158 agreed that they hope to do it soon, and Blaisdell said they can find someone to stump it and clean it  
159 after.

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161 ***Pavilion***  
162 Members discussed donations, and the possibility of using grants. Sharpe suggested building the  
163 pavilion in phases, and do some each year. Members discussed options for building the pavilion,  
164 and said they will speak to Lynne regarding donations.

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166 ***Miller Field Equipment Replacement***  
167 Sharpe suggested doing another Miller Field equipment replacement this year. Thompson said she  
168 has priced out portable gaga ball pits, which can be put away, or set up at events like Old Home Day.  
169 Sharpe said they can make them out of plywood, and Hudgins said he can build one in under an  
170 hour. Members laughed.

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172 ***Rec Building Curb Appeal***  
173 Thompson suggested installing raised garden beds, and Sharpe suggested using a greenhouse.  
174 Blaisdell said it looks overgrown and asked if garden club could do something to make it look  
175 better. Thompson said lots of wildlife use the area, and doesn't want to drive animals away.  
176 Thompson suggested raised planters would look good and would be fairly easy, since the ground is  
177 all rock.

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179 Blaisdell made a motion to adjourn.

180 ***Motion By:*** Blaisdell  
181 ***Seconded By:*** Longchamps  
182 ***In Favor:*** All  
183 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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186 Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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188 Next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2023.

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191 **Submitted By:**  
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193 *Jessica Manning*  
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196 Recording Secretary