

**BEDFORD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**June 4, 2026 MEETING \*Revised\***

BCTV Meeting Room –10 Meetinghouse Road

DATE: Thursday, June 4, 2026

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: BCTV – Meeting Room

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order/roll call
2. Updating Town Code-Chapter 185 (attachment) -*Kathleen Ports, Conservation Planner*
3. Approval Spring 2026 Field Use Schedule (attachment)
4. Approval Summer Sports Camp 2026 (attachment)
5. Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2025 (attachment)
6. Time, Location of Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2026
7. Adjourn

NOTE: “Any person with a disability who wishes to attend this public meeting and needs to be provided a reasonable accommodation in order to participate, please call the Town Office at (472-5242) at least 72 hours in advance so that arrangements can be made.”

REV: 5-27-26

**ARTICLE I General Provisions**

§ 185-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to ensure all citizens of Bedford that the parks of the Town will be clean, safe, and enjoyable places for people to engage in the recreation pursuits of their choice.

§ 185-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

PARKS — Includes all recreational facilities and lands regarding which the Town of Bedford holds a legal interest for open space, conservation, and recreation use, whether such lands are developed or undeveloped. "Park" includes, but is not limited to, playgrounds, open spaces, trails, beaches, pathways, forests, as well as public parks and conservation areas.

§ 185-3. Authority for operation and maintenance.

Town parks will be operated, maintained, and supervised by the Bedford Parks and Recreation Department and/or the Public Works Department, and the Conservation Commission in the case of ~~Pulpit Rock-C~~conservation A~~reas~~.

§ 185-4. User's responsibility.

Visitors use the Bedford parks at their own risk. The Town is not responsible for theft, personal injury, property damage or any other loss. Such losses, however, should be reported to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Police Department.

§ 185-5.

Effect of chapter.

This chapter controls all activities in Bedford parks unless specific modifications are made through the enactment of ordinances relating to individual parks. Some parks and conservation areas are protected by conservation easements or deed restrictions that may further restrict uses. Where there is conflict between the ordinance and the conservation easement or deed restriction, the more restrictive interpretation shall prevail.

**ARTICLE II Conduct**

§ 185-6. Unlawful conduct.

It shall be unlawful to post bills, cut, deface, write upon, remove or destroy, modify or plant any tree, shrub, rock, signs, buildings, tables, benches, fireplaces, grills, or other structures or equipment, facilities, or park property, or any appurtenances whatsoever.

§ 185-7. Permits required.

A. No person shall engage or participate in, aid, form, or organize any assembly or group, or make speeches, or conduct programs of entertainment or fundraising in any Town park unless a permit has been issued pursuant to Article IX hereof, and said permit is carried by the person

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directing or leading such activity. Private and commercial photography and guided nature walks are excluded from this provision.

B. This section does not apply to educational activities of students under school direction or to Town sponsored activities within the scope of the functions of such department.

§ 185-8. Personal conduct. No person shall disturb the peace, endanger the public safety, use obscene or profane language, or prevent the use of Town parks by others.

§ 185-9. Alcoholic beverages.

Drinking of alcoholic beverages in Town parks is strictly forbidden, unless the individual is a member of a group that has been issued a permit by the Police Department and Parks and Recreation Department, in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Town to obtain such approval.

§ 185-10. Firearms, explosives and fireworks.

A. Firearms of any description, air rifles, gas weapons, slingshots, bows and arrows, firecrackers, and explosives are prohibited and shall not be displayed or discharged in Town parks.

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B. Fireworks displays may be permitted by permit through the Fire Department.

§ 185-11. Other activities.

A. Archery programs are allowed in designated areas by Parks and Recreation Director.

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B. No golfing is allowed in parks and/or on athletic fields

C. The Eagle Park loop, accessed from the Heritage Trail, will be closed to all users from December 1 to March 15, annually.

D. No metal detecting activities are allowed on Town parks ~~parks or conservation areas~~ without written authority from the Parks & Recreation Commission or Conservation Commission, respectively.

### **ARTICLE III Camping, Boating, Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping**

§ 185-12. Camping.

A. Overnight camping is prohibited unless such activity is confined to areas specifically designated by the Town Council and approved by the Parks and Recreation Director for that purpose.

B. Overnight camping in Town is only allowed at Muller Park off North Amherst Road and at Pulpit Rock Conservation area. Camping permits are required by Bedford Police Department. Permits must be requested by a Bedford resident 21 years of age or older.

§ 185-13. Boating and fishing.

Boating and fishing are permitted in any area designated for such intended use.

§ 185-14. Hunting and trapping.

Hunting and trapping are not permitted in any Town park.

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**ARTICLE IV Fires**

§ 185-15. Permitted locations.

A. Fires shall be built only in outdoor fireplaces provided by the Town or in grills in designated picnic areas. There will be no fires allowed in parks ~~areas or trails~~ unless a permit from the Fire Department is obtained.

B. ~~Controlled burns may be allowed used when appropriate for land management and allowed by the where permissible by conservation easement or property deed and when implemented in accordance with a land management plan and approved by the Town Council.~~

§ 185-16. Stoves.

Portable stoves may be used only in designated picnic areas and campsites. Such stoves, when in use, shall be placed on charcoal grills or outdoor fireplaces, and not upon the ground, adjacent woods, refuse receptacles, picnic tables, or benches.

§ 185-17. Unattended fires.

Fires shall not be left unattended.

**ARTICLE V Refuse**

§ 185-18. Use of receptacles.

Refuse, rubbish, garbage, dog waste, or other trash of any nature shall not be left in Town parks except in receptacles where provided. Where no receptacles are provided, refuse should be disposed onsite.

§ 185-19. Pollution of Town waters.

No person shall pollute the waters of any Town park through the deposit of any foreign material therein, including dog waste.

**ARTICLE VI Traffic**

§ 185-20. Pedestrians.

Pedestrians have the right-of-way on all park roads.

§ 185-21. Motorized vehicles.

All persons driving motorized vehicles shall obey all traffic signs and directions of park employees and shall park only in areas designated for that purpose.

§ 185-22. Speed limit.

The speed limit on all park roads is 10 miles per hour unless otherwise designated.

§ 185-23. Trails and other areas.

A. Motorized vehicles, including motorcycles and ~~dirt bikes~~motorbikes, are prohibited on foot trails and other areas other than on roads maintained for public vehicular traffic. Power-driven

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mobility devices are allowed for persons with mobility disabilities where they can be safely operated at the speed of pedestrian traffic.

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B. Bicycles may be used only on designated trails at designated times and only where they are permitted by the property deed ~~or~~ conservation easement. Bicycles are not allowed on the following Conservation Areas: Joppa Hill, Pulpit Rock, Sebbins Pond, and Van Loan Preserve.

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§ 185-24. ATVs and snowmobiles. All terrain vehicles (ATVs) and snowmobiles are not permitted within the boundaries of Town parks, except within areas designated for such use by the Town Council.

#### **Article VII Domestic Animals, Plants, and Wildlife**

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§ 185-25. Domestic animals on athletic fields.

Owners of domestic animals are responsible for keeping their animals off athletic fields.

§ 185-26. Dog fouling.

A. It shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper, or person having control of any dog to fail to immediately remove and dispose of in a sanitary manner any solid waste deposited by such dog upon any Town-owned land or parks before the owner leaves the immediate area where the solid waste was deposited.

B. It shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper or person having control of any dog to fail to have in their ~~his/her~~ possession the equipment and/or supplies necessary to remove ~~his/her~~ their dog's solid waste when accompanied by said dog.

C. Exception. This section shall not apply to any dog accompanying a person mentally or physically impaired and who because of such impairment is unable to comply with the requirements of this chapter.

D. For any violation of this section, the penalty shall be set at \$100.

§ 185-27. Horseback riding.

Horseback riding is permitted in areas specifically designated for such purpose by the Town Council and where they are permitted by the property deed or conservation easement.

§ 185-28. Plants and wildlife.

Within the boundaries of any park, trees, shrubs, flowers, ferns, or other plants shall not be lifted or picked by park visitors. Stones, rocks, birds, or animals shall not be removed. Removal of bark from trees is prohibited. Cutting and removal of firewood is prohibited unless specifically authorized in writing by the Parks and Recreation Director or Town Manager. This provision does not apply to the removal or treatment of invasive plant species as defined by NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food.

§ 185-29. Injuring animals or disturbing habitat.

No person shall maliciously disturb or injure any domestic animal or wildlife within the confines of a Town park, nor disturb any wildlife ~~animal~~ habitat.

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§ 185-30. Leashing of dogs.

A. It is required that all dogs allowed in Town parks and on conservation areas~~land~~, with the exception ~~of~~except for a designated dog park, be under control at all times by means of a leash. Any owner, keeper or person who does not have control of their dogs may be in violation of this section.

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B. For any violation of this section, the penalty shall be set at \$100.

#### ARTICLE VIII Hours and Fees

§ 185-31. Hours of operation.

Town parks, including roads and parking areas, are open only from sunrise to sunset unless otherwise designated by the Parks and Recreation Department or Conservation Commission. Outdoor lighted facilities in Town ~~p~~Parks will be considered closed once lights are no longer on. The Recreation and Parks Director or Conservation Commission may allow special activities after hours in concurrence with the Police Chief.

§ 185-32. Towing of motor vehicles.

Cars and other types of motor vehicles left in Town parks after hours or in unauthorized areas may be towed away at the owner's expense.

§ 185-33. Park fees.

Reasonable fees may be assessed by the Town Council for individuals and group use of the parks.

#### ARTICLE IX Permit System

§ 185-34. Procedure.

A. A permit must be obtained through the system outlined in this article before any person engages in the activity described in § 185-7, Permits required, unless the activity is scheduled by the Town.

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B. The procedure for camping permits at the Pulpit Rock Conservation Area are outlined on the Bedford Conservation Commission website.

§ 185-35. Application deadline.

Application shall be made to the Parks and Recreation Department at least 48 hours prior to the proposed activity date.

§ 185-36. Application information.

Application shall be made on a form provided by the Parks and Recreation Director specifying the name, address, and phone number of the sponsoring organization, if any, the date and the type of proposed activity, the park which has been requested, the estimated attendance, and the hours during which the activity is to be conducted.

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§ 185-37. Considerations for issuance of permit.

The Parks and Recreation Director or Conservation Commission or their~~his~~ designee shall issue a permit if the applicant's use is consistent with the property deed or conservation easement and will not materially interfere with the enjoyment and use of Town parks by the ~~general public~~public based on consideration of whether the applicant's activity:

- A. Will detract from residents' entitlement to recreation;
- B. Will unreasonably infringe on public health, safety, or welfare;
- C. Will conflict with facilities reserved for other uses;
- D. Will interfere with traffic or burden police services;
- E. Is likely to cause personal or property injury, incite violence, crime, or disorderly conduct; or
- F. Is for the primary purpose of advertising products, goods or events, or for private profit.

§ 185-38. Additional conditions.

The Parks and Recreation Director may impose reasonable conditions relating to the safety, health and welfare of the permittee and park users.

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§ 185-39. Bond.

As a condition of the issuance of a permit, the Parks and Recreation Director, may at their~~his~~ discretion, require the posting of a bond for damages to any Town property and may require the individual or group to have in attendance a law enforcement officer.

§ 185-40. Approval or denial of application; appeals.

The Parks and Recreation Director shall act on an application within five business days of the receipt thereof. Denial of an application shall be accompanied by a statement of reasons for such denial. An applicant may appeal the action of the Parks and Recreation Director to the Town Manager.

§ 185-41. Permit revocation.

Any permit is revocable for violation of this chapter or for breach of the conditions attached to the permit.

§ 185-42. Right to review permits and denials.

Town Council retains the right to review permits and denials on an individual basis.

**ARTICLE X Enforcement**

§ 185-43. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter may be fined not more than \$100 for each violation. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense.

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§ 185-44. Other relief.

The Town Council ~~in~~ on behalf of the Town of Bedford may seek to enjoin any violation of these regulations by instituting an appropriate action in Superior Court, but the election of the Town Council to proceed under this section shall not bar prosecutions under § 185-43 above, or any other relief available under the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

§ 185-45. Ejection from park.

The Parks and Recreation Director, park employees, and police shall have the authority to eject from the park any person acting in violation of any provisions of this chapter or in violation of any permit issued pursuant to this chapter.

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## 2026 SPRING FIELD SCHEDULE – FINAL 3-2-26

<b>SCHOOL SPORTS</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Weekends (Corey Parker) 305-2673</b>
BHS Turf	M-F 3-10 PM		Sat 8-1 PM
SAU Baseball	M-F 3-8 PM		
Sportsman's Field	M-F 3-6 PM		
Preston	M-F 3-7 PM		
SAU Rectangular	M-F 3-5:30 PM		
Riley Field	M-F 3-6:15 PM*		
Selvoski	M-F 3-6:30 PM*		Sat 8-1 PM (if needed)
West	M-F 3-6:30 PM*		
County Road Courts	M-F 3-6:30 PM		Sat 8-1 PM
<b>BYLA League</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Weekends (Justin Maslanka 603-689-8296)</b>
BHS Turf	- - -	3/10-6/14	Sat 8-Dark/Sun 8-Dark
Sportsman's	M 6-7:30/ T & TH 6-10 PM)	3/10-6/14	Sat BYLA will check w/ BAC/Sun 7-1 PM
Joppa Fields	M-F 4:30-Dark	3/10-6/14	Sat/Sun 8-8 PM *April 4 <sup>th</sup>
McAfee	M-F 4:30-Dark	3/10-6/14	Sat/Sun 8-8 PM *April 4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Bedford Amer Legion – BB</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Weekends (Mike Topf (773-860-8673)</b>
Riley Field	M-F 5-10 PM	6/8-8/5	S/S 8-10 PM
SAU	M-F 5-10 PM	6/15-8/31	S/S 8-10 PM
<b>BLL – Baseball</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Weekends (Scott MacFarland (603-845-8662)</b>
SAU BB		4/1-6/15	Sat 2-5 & Sun 9-3 PM (David.Cuzzi@gmail.com)
Hosang Field	M-F 4-Dark	4/1-7/31	Sat/Sun 8-Dark
Marston Field	M-F 4-Dark	4/1-7/31	Sat/Sun 8-Dark
Swenson North/South	M-F 4-Dark	4/1-7/31	Sat/Sun 8-Dark
Upper McKelvie	M-F 5-Dark	4/1-7/31	Sat/Sun 8-Dark
Lower McKelvie	M-F 5-Dark	4/1-7/31	Sat/Sun 8-Dark
Riley Field	M-T-F 6:15-9 PM	4/1-7/31	
Legacy SB		4/1-7/31	Sat/Sun 8-Dark weekends only
Hawkins	M-F 5-Dark	4/1-4/30	
Peter Woodbury 1 & 2	M-F 6 PM-Dark	4/1-7/31	Sat/Sun 8-Dark`
Memorial	M-F 5-Dark	4/1-7/31	Sat/Sun 8-Dark
<b>BGSL – Girls Softball</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Weekends (Todd Bryan 603-361-7909)</b>
Selvoski	M-F 6:30-8 PM	4/1-6/30	Sat 8-5 PM
West	M-F 6:30-8 PM	4/1-6/30	Sat 8-5 PM
Legacy SB	M-F 5:30-8 PM	4/1-6/30	Sat 8-5 PM will work w/BLL
<b>BAC Soccer League</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Weekends (Joaquin Denoya 603-213-2690)</b>
BHS Turf		4/1-6/30	Sat/Sun 8-10 PM work w/SAU & Lax
Sportsman's Field	M 7:30-10PM/W & F 6-10 PM	4/1-6/30	Sat 8-10 PM (Sun 8-10 PM work w/Lax
Legacy Rec	M-F 5-10 PM	4/1-6/30	
Swenson Rec	M-F 5-Dark	4/1-6/30	Sat/Sun 8-Dark
Greenfield Farms	M-F 5-Dark	4/1-6/30	Sat/Sun 8-Dark
<b>Men's Softball</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Weekends (Mike McCarron 603-714-5877)</b>
Hawkins	T-W-Th 7-10 PM	5/1-9/?	Sun 7-10 PM
<b>Men's NELBL</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Weekends (Troy Barber 919-795-7639) Astro's Sun</b>
Riley Field	W-Th 6:15-8 PM	3/15-6/30	Sat/Sun 10-1 PM (Joseph Vieira julioavieira04@gmail.com) NH Bucks
Riley Field	W-Th 6:15-8 PM	7/1-10/30	Sat/Sun 10-1 PM Denis Linehan 603-765-8492 – NH BB 35+ Bisons Sun Jim Hall Jrhall123@msn.com – Mets Sat
<b>Men's DEA Soccer</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Weekends (Jim McCall 361-3136)</b>
Swenson		4/2-6/11	Sun 8-11 AM

Cinco De Miles Race – (May 3rd) Fields around BHS closed till 1 PM.

Memorial Parade (Sun-May 17<sup>th</sup>) line up BHS Driveway @ 12:30 PM – Step off 1 PM down to McKelvie

PTG Color Blast (Sun-May 31<sup>st</sup>)

BHS Graduation June 6<sup>th</sup> – No Field use BLL Complex, Sportsman's, Riley, Selvoski, County Rd Tennis Courts 8 AM-2 PM

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**TOWN OF BEDFORD**  
Staff Report – June 2026  
Bedford Parks & Recreation Department

**NEW BUSINESS –**

1. TITLE: Approval Spring & Summer Field Use Schedule

**MOTION: To approve the 2026 Spring Field Use Schedule as presented.**

2. TITLE: Approval for **Granite State Kids Community Tennis Association**

BACKGROUND: Diane Phelps has requested to use the County Road Tennis courts from June 29 – August 7, 2026

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30-12 p.m. (4 courts)
- Thursday (Match Day) from 8:30-5 p.m. (6 courts)

**MOTION: To approve the Granite State Kids Community Tennis Associations request to use County Road Tennis courts as presented.**

3. TITLE: **Approval for NH Tomahawks LLC – Summer Camps**

BACKGROUND: Chris Cameron has requested the use of Joppa Hill Fields “Girls Lacrosse Camp” June 29-July 2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday-Thursday 8:30-12 p.m.)

BACKGROUND: Chris Cameron has requested the use of Joppa Hill Fields for Boys “Granite State Lacrosse Camp” July 13-July 16<sup>th</sup> (Monday-Thursday 8:30-3:30 p.m.)

**MOTION: To approve NH Tomahawks Lacrosse Camp weeks as presented to be at the Joppa Hill Fields.**

4. TITLE: **Approval for Bedford Athletic Club (BAC) – Summer Camps**

BACKGROUND: Joaquin Denoya has requested the use of Swenson Field for “BAC Summer Camp” two weeks.

Week 1 - July 20 – July 24, 2026 (Monday-Friday 5:30-7:30 PM)

Week 2 – August 10 – August 14, 2026 (Monday-Friday 9-3 PM)

**MOTION: To approve BAC Soccer for Week 1 & Week 2 as presented to be held on the Swenson Rectangular Field.**

5. **TITLE: Approval for Bedford Bulldogs JHL Football – Summer Camps**

**BACKGROUND:** Dan Sufat has requested the use of Sportsman’s Field

June 15 to July 31, 2026 (Monday-Thursday-Friday 7:30 AM-9 AM)

June 18 to July 30, 2026 (Thursday 6-7:30 PM)

**MOTION: To approve Bedford Bulldogs JHL Football as presented to be held on Sportsman’s Field.**

6. **TITLE: Approval for Bedford Bulldogs AYF Flag Football – Summer Camps**

**BACKGROUND:** Kacey Krammer has requested the use of Sportsman’s Field

July 13 – July 15, 2026 (Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday 6-7:15 PM)

**MOTION: To approve Bedford Bulldogs AYF Flag Football as presented to be held on Sportsman’s Field.**

7. **TITLE: Approval for Bedford Bulldogs -Contact Clinic JHL Football – Summer Camps**

**BACKGROUND:** Kacey Krammer has requested the use of Sportsman’s Field

June 29-June 31, 2026 (Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday 6-7:30 PM)

**MOTION: To approve Bedford Bulldogs-Contact Clinic JHL Football as presented to be held on Sportsman’s Field.**

**TOWN OF BEDFORD  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 9, 2025**

Present were Chairman Diane Phelps, Spencer Hawkes (Vice Chairman), Becky Soule (TC Liaison), Lori Radke (TC alt), Jamie Stein, Melissa Salmon and Howard Sobolov @ 7:15 PM

Absent: Vicky Lopardo

Chairman Phelps opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

**UPDATE – Legacy Skateboard Park Discussion (Ian Moltenbrey)**

My name is Ian Moltenbrey, and I am here as Dave Gilbert is out of the country so he asked me if I could attend this meeting to give an update on this project. As of our last monthly meeting we have raised \$88,000 and the proposed cost itself is currently estimated at \$800,000 to rebuild the park

Our primary goal is for us to put a warrant article on the ballot this spring, but we also wanted to look to utilize some of the Parks & Recreation Reserve funds. Some folks on the Skateboard Committee had the summer off and so we are now refocusing for the new year. We have been hosting clinics and holding lessons at the park. We have been trying to show the positive good that could come from this rebuild of the park. In June we hosted a “Go To Skate Day” which helped us gain some more interest in the rebuild and I am happy to answer any questions you may have on the project.

Melissa Salmon asked how was the attendance and age groups at these events? Ian said a variety of ages from as young as 4 years of age for one of the clinics. We have also had a lot of older folks that learned to ride their bike in a skateboard park and want to bring this sport to community. The Skateboard Park culture is where a lot of folks want to make skateboard parks available as safe places to skate and now, I am in the position to make that happen. The interest has grown and grown. Some parents have taught their kids to ride a bike at the skateboard park. We are showing an increasing presence at community events. We had a table set-up for the parade on Memorial Day, a table at the Open House with Fire Department. We continue to meet new people, but it is also nice to see some of the same people who continue to encourage us to keep it going. We hope we can fulfill this dream for the community.

Spencer Hawkes commented that it seems like we have been talking about this for a long time but thank you as I am sure the community will appreciate this facility. I was curious where did we leave off with the Town Council?

Councilor Becky Soule said I know you had talked to the Town about a grant from the State of NH, and I know the Assistant Town Manager had met with the State and filled out the paperwork has there been any notice on that or updates? Ian answered that unfortunately is something I must defer to Dave as he has been working on that. Councilor Soule said okay I will email Dave and cc you on the email. Ian stated he should be back in the next week or two. I believe it is right before the next Town Council meeting.

Spencer Hawkes ask Councilor Soule so is that what we were waiting for? Councilor Soule stated I don't know if that was what we were waiting for but has the grant application been field out. Ian stated I remembered discussing that, but I believe Dave was steering that part of the project. I know at the last Town Council meeting we were trying to get a recommendation, but it was still iffy at that time. Councilor Radke spoke up we will be deciding at the Town Council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. So, you will know one way or another if the Council has supported that on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ian asked about the Parks & Rec Capital Reserves does that have to get a recommendation from Parks & Recreation Commission. Councilor Radke stated it is ultimately up to the Town Council. Parks & Recreation Commission can make a request, but the final answer is from Town Council on the use of those funds.

Chairman Phelps said thank you for the update.

#### **UPDATE – Riley Fieldhouse Request (Molly Topf)**

Molly Topf (14 McAfee Farm Road) and I am one of the five who spearheaded this project, and I want to give you an update and then I have an ask. The history of this project started off as me and a couple of friends felt the Twarog building was an eyesore in the middle of town. Riley Field is the field at the corner of County Road and Nashua Road down the bottom of the Bedford High School's driveway. We have raised \$184,000 dollars in donations and sponsorships to replace the old structure. We were told that the Leagues in the Town handles inside the fence and the Town handles the outside. The issue with this field, there is no one league that uses the field there are 5 or 6 leagues and dozens of teams and no one who has money or has been taking care of the building. This is bothersome to me and this sounds bizarre no one who owns this, it is not an entity. I have talked to Rick about this, and I am concerned and think we should be writing an MOU, or someone should take on some ownership.

I have seen Ian around here before we are trying to make this community better. What this project really needs \$44K to finish off this project. It looks nice from the outside and we have some money for landscaping, but we do not have enough to finish off the inside. I am working hard a couple of things have had some deals fall through, but I really have gone to everyone is Town. We do need \$44K to finish and the question I get most is "why isn't the Town doing more"? and "Who are you?" I don't know who I am, I am just trying to make money to make this community better.

Mr. Sawyer did tell me that there is a budget line item that allows you to put lights on the fields ad around Town and that is why I am here this evening, but it sounds like you cannot discuss this tonight. Is there some sort of emergency funding that we will be able to get our hands on some emergency funding to finish this off or will this all happen at the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> to get funding to help us.

Councilor Radke asked Molly who has been insuring that building? Molly answered there is no insurance. Molly then asked Jane I would love to hear your ideas. I have asked everyone, and no one has answered me. It is such a unique and weird situation as no one owns the building and no one owns the land, and no one has been able to explain it. Molly talking to Ian stating she has been to dozens of meetings and asked this question dozens of times.

Jaime Stein asked Molly, how did you get permission to do this project. We went to the Town, and they said “Great”.

Jane O’Brien asked who at the Town did you ask for permission from Molly? The only thing I could find when I went back and researched was when you came in December 30, 2024 when you came in requesting waivers from the Town Manager, Rick Sawyer. As it states and I read it in this...Molly interrupts and says minutes. Jane replied not this Staff report it says, “Future maintenance of the new structure will be the responsibility of the Friends unless a league accepts the responsibility”. So curious Jane wanted to know who? As when Dave Costa when we had Babe Ruth League ran that field but now, we don’t have Dave and Babe Ruth League is gone. You are correct we have all these little groups that play down there, so who is going to run the concession stand and because you do not have running water how are you even going to run?

Molly interrupted that we built into our budget an endowment to last 25 years so that is built into the budget for small things. The upkeep isn’t anticipated to be huge. So yes, even Friends of Bedford Baseball is a small group, and it has been recommended to us by legal not to incorporate or become a non-profit because we don’t own the building or the land on which it stands.

Molly makes an inquiry so I don’t know if Jane you or Lori have information, but this is unlike any other area in the town, that I know of, but can we gift it to the town? Can we gift it to one of the leagues? We might have to be creative with our problem solving, but it is a unique situation.

Councilor Soule commented we would have to accept it, but if there is no insurance on it are you able to use the building, because there are liability issues?

Councilor Soule asked has it ever been insured would be my question? Molly responded not that we could find, never. Jane answered that we would have to go back to Dave Costa and get that information.

Councilor Soule then asked Jane, “what about the snack shack at the other fields?” Bedford Little League Field. Jane answered Bedford Little League has the insurance on that snack shack. They also have running water and on annually inspected by the Town’s Health Inspector. The Bedford Girls Softball snack shack is a pre-packaged, so they have insurance on that. Molly asked, what does that mean pre-packaged? Jane answered chips and drinks. Molly stated and that is our plan too like same plan and to answer your question any league that co-uses that space could use it for concessions and fundraising. Jane then stated if you have insurance on the building.

Jane then introduces Brad Hatfield, Parks Foreman. Brad wanted to offer a little clarity on this unique situation as there are buildings like the Little League at the complex on Nashua Road, as well as Ski Hut at Legacy Park as the Ski Club leases it and they have the insurance on the hut. That property is owned by the Town, it is built on Town land.

Molly commented then if it lays on Town land can you assume ownership knowing you didn’t have to

Councilor Radke commented to Jane, but thought is to go to the Town Manager and ask about getting legal counsel involved particularly when it is not insured. I would be concerned about the liability if someone gets in there and gets hurt then who is responsible for that? I think that should be first and foremost, how we can get that insured. Councilor Soule asked if the “Friends” pay for it through a policy wrapped up into the other buildings, because it does say in Jane’s staff report that the “Friends are responsible for that building”, but it is not to say that it couldn’t be an addendum to a policy and they just carry the cost because it may be a less expensive way to do that type of thing. I am not sure, but as Lori said that is a question for Rick Sawyer and legal, in my opinion. Councilor Radke agreed.

Councilor Radke mentioned the Stevens-Buswell here in Town they carry their own insurance. The Town owns it, the town leases it to Bedford Historical Society and they carry insurance.

Spencer Hawkes asked did the Building Inspector inspect that building? Molly answered no, I don’t know if there are plans to do that or if it is because it is now done yet. Councilor Soule asked did you get permits, because usually when you get permits there are inspections. Molly stated we didn’t have to get permits because it was the same size as the previous building.

Jane O’Brien then asked did you go through the Planning Department? Molly answered yes, we did absolutely.

Councilor Soule then asked Lori didn’t they come before Town Council and ask to waive the fees for the permits. Okay so we waived the fees for the permits, but you still must get the permits? Molly answered yes, we went through the whole permitting process with Liberty Hill Construction Company he knows the process and he went for them.

Molly commented, I hope I didn't open a can of worms that I wasn't here for. We are just looking to finish the project first. Obviously, this is something that needs to be dealt with so if you can, can you tell me where to go next?

Councilor Radke said, I think the next step is for Jane to step in and work with the Town Manager and I would contact legal and see what our options are. Molly asked is that I should do or Jane. Jane answered she would talk to Rick tomorrow. Councilor Radke then stated and Jane if you would get back to Molly.

Molly then asked in the meantime, I don't know if this is the appropriate route but if I could request this be an agenda item on your December 17<sup>th</sup> budget meeting. Councilor Radke said I believe you are as I spoke to Rick earlier this week and I believe you are on the agenda under the line item for Budget.

Molly commented part of my goal was just to set this up for other people the way into projects and it sounds like there is a line item in there. Councilor Radke said yes Rick will have that answer. I would also not recommend opening that up until we hear one way or another. Molly replied I will wait to hear from you Jane. I will look forward to any discussion you will have on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Swenson South Field Renaming after “Lt. Michael Bernard” (Scott MacFarland, BBL Presidents)**

Good evening my name is Cam Bernard, and I am the son of Michael Bernard. As you know he was still serving when he passed back in February. A few members of the baseball community have come to me asking if we can name a field after Lt. Bernard for all the things he has done for this community over the years. Currently on Swenson Road there are two baseball fields that are named only Swenson North & Swenson South. Even if the fields on Nashua Road were to move over to Swenson Road, we would have four fields and three will have been named. It is at no cost to the Town as we have a generous donor willing to help fund this sign. There is no electricity at Swenson currently so the sign will go on top of the sign that is at the top field, and we would just put up a sign on top of that reading Lt. Michael Bernard Field.

Chairman Phelps said I think it would be great to honor him like that and we appreciated everything your Dad did for this community. I will accept a motion to recommend the renaming of the Swenson South field.

**MOTION made by Jamie Stein to recommend to Bedford Town Council to approve the renaming of the Swenson South Field after Lt. Michael R. Bernard as presented this evening. Seconded by Chairman Diane Phelps. Vote taken – all in favor. Motion passes.**

**Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2025**

**MOTION made by Spencer Hawkins to approve the Minutes of September 9, 2025. Seconded by Melissa Salmon. Vote taken - all in favor. Motion passes minutes approved.**

Chairman Phelps stated that is our agenda for the evening and the next meeting is Tuesday, March 22, 2026 at 7 PM, but subject to change due to Town elections.

**MOTION made by Councilor Soule to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Stein. Vote taken - all in favor. Motion passes.**

Meeting Adjourn at 7:37 PM

Submitted by Jane O'Brien