RUTLAND TOWN SELECTBOARD REC COMMITTEE MEETING

November 9th, 2026

The Rec Committee of the Rutland Town Selectboard met at 4:30 PM on Monday November 9th, 2026, at the Municipal Town Hall. Present were Selectboard Member Sharon Russell, Selectboard Member Matt Getty, and Town Rec Director Mike Rowe.

Discussed the planned budget for the next fiscal year.

1. Some revenue numbers are increasing due to increased reimbursements.
2. Compensation and benefit numbers were adjusted based on the Board vote for an increase and projected recreation and maintenance staffing. Some may be adjusted based on updated benefit numbers being calculated with more accurate information.
3. The health insurance benefit is included to account for Director Rowe exercising the option to take the health insurance buyout. Selectman Getty asked if he took it last year, which he did not. Discussed taking it out to not increase the taxes or leaving it if Director Rowe says he intends to take it. Director Rowe said he currently does not plan on taking it.
4. Discussed the increase in chemicals.
5. Social activities are up due to more activities and more participants in those activities.
6. Added a new line for park maintenance. This is for work which needs to be done but cannot come from depreciation. Proposed renaming "supplies – maintenance" to just "supplies" and have the actual maintenance cost come from the new line. The committee was in favor of that.
7. The total proposed budget is $249,688 with a net increase of 6.5%.

Update to sports participation fees.

1. The current resident rate is $30 for all sports. The non-resident rate is $35.
2. Director Rowe discussed moving them to $40 and $45 respectively. Other municipalities are $40 and up.
3. The committee is in favor of this, starting with the new fiscal year.
4. Director Rowe did not know exactly what the increase would represent.

Discussed the depreciation account contributions.

1. Director Rowe is suggesting moving approximately $600,000 from the Rec depreciation account to the pool replacement fund.
2. There was a discussion by the Board years ago, Director Rowe did not know when, to have 25% of the annual Rec depreciation contribution go the regular Rec depreciation account and the balance to go into the pool fund.

Discussed resurfacing the tennis courts at Dewey and Northwood.

1. This is needed and is planned on the 5-year plan.
2. The proposal is for both parks, the total is approximately $50,000 and would come from depreciation.
3. The committee is in favor of this.

Discussed the pool replacement project.

1. A cost proposal was recently given to Director Rowe, from the engineering firm working on this project.
2. Some pictures of concept designs were given to the committee members.
3. If construction were to happen in 2029, the cost projections start at $7.9M and increase from there. There are some aspects of the proposal which could be removed to reduce the cost but would not represent significant savings.
4. All the concepts included a heating system for the water.
5. Discussed the long-term maintenance needs to keep the current pool operational.
6. Discussed cost projections for this cost and approximate cost increases from when the current pool was built.
7. This needs to be brought to the committee which is working on this project.
8. Additional discussion need to happen and meetings will be scheduled as appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet