

South Hadley Recreation Commission
Hybrid Meeting Agenda – South Hadley Council on Aging
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 8:00 PM

Presented by Human Services Director Andrew Rogers

Attendance			
Commission Members	Present	Staff	Present
Kirsten Britton (KB)	*	Andy Rogers (AR)	*
Ray Carillon (RC)	*	Danielle Bachand (DB)	*
Patrick Dawson (PD)	Excused	Anne Capra (AC)	*
Laura Friesner (LF)	*		
Byron Joy (BJ)	*		
Ryan Kennedy (RK)	*	Guests	
Dave Mendoza (DM)	*	Ashley – Town Resident	
Ben Sabbs (BS)	*		
Kathleen Sharkey (KS)	*		

1. Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 8:04pm.

2. Minutes of November 10, 2025 – Motion to accept the minutes. LF/KS (4-0) (RC, BJ, RK, DM – abstain)

3. Bills Payable – AR reviewed the bills. Motion to approve the bills. KB/BS (8-0)

4. Correspondence

- Received two cultural council grants, one will support the music & sound for the South Hadley community for the fireworks & other one will support summer concert series at the Town Common
- Gentlemen that met with us about metal sculpture at BBP received grant. He is currently working on securing the remaining funds needed
- Working with the school carpentry department, Dan Pease from SHCTV15, & HS athletics to improve high school press box stairs & expand landing
- Met collaboratively with people associated with the arts in town. Working on highlighting local artists, musicians etc.
- Master Plan Forum in December – AR led group on Aging in South Hadley. Hired B&E to do community needs assessment

5. Schedule of Events

- Spring sport registrations opened January 5th
- Preschool Art Class will start Thursday, January 22nd and will run in the evenings at the Council on Aging

- After School art program at Mosier is completely sold out for this session with a waitlist
- Basketball & wrestling currently ongoing along with our adult pick up programs
- Bike/walk –Ledges trek coming up early February. Early May Vernal Pool trek at Lithia Springs. Bird Trek also in May.

6. Old Business:

a. BBP/Pickleball Court Update – Bids are due February 5th. Preliminary designs in for lighting and other amenities for the band shell. Hoping to bid out in February and have it ready for May.

b. Budget Update – Budget Task force has been meeting with department heads, boards & committees, residents frequently. Listening session Thursday, January 15th at 1pm and February 22nd at 7pm.

7. New Business:

a. Anne Capra: Outdoor Rec Facilities Bylaw – Planning board in process of updating zoning bylaws related to Agricultural uses. Discussion was specifically related to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Online Registration Platform – We have been looking into other platforms as Blue Sombrero/Sports Connect has been bought out and will not continue to operate.

c. Winter Sports – Basketball has been going well; weather has been in our favor. Wrestling also well & numbers are good. Optional tournaments will be offered for wrestlers. AR met with two NHS students about running a free basketball clinic Feb 17th 9-10:30am K-2, 11-12:30pm Grade 3-8. The boys & girls basketball team will volunteer to run clinic.

d. Summer Programs – Mount Holyoke will have three of their summer programs with us at the middle school. They cannot use MHC due to the geothermal project.

e. Open Forum

8. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – Next Meeting February 10th at 8:00pm. Motion to adjourn RK/DM 8-0 8:46pm.