



RECREATION AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 22, 2026 – 6:00 pm

Westbrook Community Room - Spruce Room

Westbrook, ME 04092

ITEM
<p>Opening</p> <p>Commissioners Present: Matt Brunner, Paul Drinan, Nate Dyer, Andrew Krantz, Warren Lain, Amanda Lessard, David von Seggern, Bruce Wallingford</p> <p>Staff Present: Angela Holmes, Rebecca Spitella</p>
<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Brian McCambrige – Introduction to the Commission as a City Councilor</p> <p>Phil Spiller – Provided update on the Northern New England Recreation and Parks Conference; The Maine Rec and Park Association Fundraiser is scheduled for May 16th at the Piklr</p>
<p>Commission Comment</p> <p>Matt Brunner – Groomed Trailblazer trails are open and in good conditions for xc skiing, fat biking and snowmobiling. Request to invite Westbrook Trail Blazes to a future WRCC meeting.</p> <p>David von Seggern – requested more information on the Friends of Casco Bay Presumpscot 2040 public meeting on February 2, 2026.</p> <p>Amanda Lessard – Provided an update on the Presumpscot 2040 visioning meeting as a member of the Steering Committee. Casco Bay Partnership has hired a funded facilitator to hold a public visioning session on the Presumpscot river and watershed Meeting to be held on Feb 2nd in Spruce Room of the Westbrook Community Center. There will be two sessions held from 2:30 – 5p and 6:30 – 9p and will include an overview of the history of the river as well as breakout sessions.</p>
<p>Staff Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Election of 2026 WRCC Officers – Item tabled until the February meeting.
<p>Green Space Management Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reviewed Staff document to inventory Green Space parcels to provide a recommendation for further management plan to direct Staff.
<p>Finalize WRCC Funding Request Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Revised Values section to mimic website. Application to be loaded to the website for future use as of this meeting.

Spring/Winter WRCC Community Event

- Review possible event date and finalize location. Kiwanis club is partnering with the Westbrook Community Center to have an ice rink in the Community Center lawn. WRCC to partner with sponsored skate night, once the rink is available. Future updates to be provided by Matt Brunner

Beaver Pond

- Winter cleanup and spring trail work. Discussed trail work for Spring, which the commission is in favor of. Staff to reach out to Portland Trails for collaboration. Commission requested more information on water quality testing for summer and possible use of an aeration system to help with summer algal growth. Staff to look into possibility of using 150k from previous land sale toward improvements and access to Beaver Pond for winter recreation.

Public Comment

Phil Spiller – Provided comments on the agenda items discussed during this meeting and stated support for the funding application to be used universally by all applicants. Mr. Spiller requested WRCC procedures to be posted on the website.

Commission Comment

Bruce Wallingford – Inquired on previous Portland Trails funding request.

Andrew Krantz – Asked for more information on the Lincoln St rink and whether this could be used for ice skating.

Adjourn

*Adjournment of Recreation and Conservation Commission meetings may be no later than 8:30pm.
Any agenda items that have been discussed will be placed on the next WRCC agenda.*