

Greensboro Recreation Committee Meeting 7/13/2026

Time: Monday July 13, 2026. 4pm

Place: Town Hall Meeting Room (in person)

MINUTES (DRAFT)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Ranz at 4:03 P.M. In addition to Jennifer, those present were Michael Malick, Ila Hunt, John Schweizer and Rob Brigham.

The first order of business was wanting more members for the Rec Committee. Michael Malick will join and write a letter of interest to the Select board and we will ask for him to be approved at the next SB meeting.

Swim Program

Ila Hunt updated the swim program and said there were 59 signed up for the 1st week and 42 for the 2nd week. Hope is to leave the tent up for the 2 week period. The goose poop is a problem. We want to research the Curtis Pond swim program in Calais and Elligo pond for possible next year's program.

John Schweizer submitted draft of the August Green Sheet

Update on Town Hall Gym. At the June 24 SB meeting we requested to have people clean the gym and open it to the public on July 4th and were given approval.

A group of volunteers got together Friday June 26th to clean up the gymnasium. The Hardwick Gazette had an article and a couple of photos in next publication.

There was a wonderful turn out of people who came to see the Gymnasium in the Town Hall on Saturday July 4th from 11-1pm.

Over 100 signatures were recorded and many more people ventured up the stairs to see the space. We had an idea board with stickies to collect comments from the visitors, asking for their ideas and comments. People were very excited about the space and some were amazed they didn't know that the room existed. There was a lot of positivity and people are wondering how and when we can start using the space.

Recorded memories:

I remember square dances in here.

We had birthday parties here.

This is where we played pickup basketball.

I did after school programs in here.

I remember having Town Meeting here.

I went to high school here.

Cabot Creamery had a convention for farmers.
There were plays and theater productions.

Questions

Why haven't we known about this place? I thought this building wasn't safe- So
What is the condition of the building?
Why were we told the building was condemned?
Why did the town try to sell the building?
Why was this floor gated off for so many years and not used for something?
Did the Select board ever do an assessment of the condition of the building?
Is there a reason the doors are always locked to this building?
Can we use this space?

Ideas for the Gym (sticky notes were provided and stuck on poster boards)

This is a wonderful community space that would be great for open gym, exercise and drama classes, live music, meeting space, pickleball/ sports, fun gatherings. Kids and teen programming, Circle dances, contra and square dancing, plays, community meals, town meeting, theater, coffee, tea, bakery cafe, sock hop, art gallery, roller blading, indoor soccer, movie nights, bring back the Blues Jam, Talent shows, pickleball, ping-pong, Diwali Blast of color festival, weight and strength training machines, spin, yoga, Zumba, pilates classes, spelling bees, dodge and kick ball, community events, movies, karaoke, eldercare, wellness- multi educational purposes, co-working space, roller skating rink, bingo, coffee and sandwich shop, annual ball, presentations.

Suggestions for future

Don't change the look of this space
Love the stage —restore the curtain
Keep as many original features as possible
Restore- Keep tin and wood
Get Heat pumps and an elevator
Keep it original- Restore don't replace
Windows and view are amazing, so don't change it.

Building Code Review and Structural Assessment by Jay Barrett

Full report <https://greensborovt.gov/wp-content/uploads/documents/Minutes/Selectboard/2026-0708-SB-meeting/Town-Hall-report.pdf>

Select Board Meeting 7/8/26 Jay Barrett presented report:

Highlights from the report that is on the town website: "There are rumors that at some point, many years ago ...the building was condemned. Even many years ago, condemnation of a building or portions thereof was a specific regulatory process. There is no record of the building ever having been officially condemned. (p.5) It's important to get beyond the point of misinformation and false here say. ...this 113 year old building does not meet all codes but it is still nonetheless a very good serviceable building in an acceptable state of condition (p.23)

Next Steps

Fire Marshal review and report and check with town attorney and VLCT. The SB allow up to 49 people access. Check and improve fire safety. The SB contract with an engineer to examine

roof. Appoint a citizen working committee to move projects forward and get the building on the National Historic Register.

What is needed to make the SB comfortable to allow 49 people access to the gym? John will talk to Tim Brennen. John mentioned that Norway leaves their gyms open all the time and accessible to the public. Michael said the gym in Woodbury is open 7 days a week. A new combination, accessible door is in the pipeline.

Our goal is to make the gym accessible as soon as possible in August or September.

The Bend Block Party

Saturday August 8. Jane Johns is leading the event and advertising. How can we help to have a good turn out and inform people?

Sailing

Races on Wed and Saturdays at 2pm are happening

Message from Peter Osterhout

All sailing craft welcome. Extra points for sailboats with extra crew/passengers.

Free racing lessons for all beginners that have never raced before! Adults, teens and children welcome!

Kids/adults bring a friend, more fun to learn with a friend!

Feel free to call or text me with questions:

401-965-3158

New Town Plan

How do we involve the amazing recreational opportunities and resources in the new town Plan?

Mark Schneider wants the July 4th to be in the Bend. Rick Albores mentioned a biking event and perhaps it could be combined with the Block Party and or a Labor Day Event? Invite Bob Youngmen and Mark Schneider to our next meeting.

Next Meeting Tuesday September 8 at 9am in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned 4:48pm.