

BLACKSTONE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Town Clerk
Town of Blackstone

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Time: _____
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Present: Celeste Langlois, Don Cox, Kim Briggs, Bob Gilbert, Sara Peters

Other attendees: Laurie Raymond, Adrienne Myerson-Raymond

Motion was made by Bob Gilbert, seconded by Kim Briggs, to approve minutes of the 12/8/25 and 1/12/26 meetings. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Sara Peters, to move up Bling Up Blackstone award winners on the agenda. Motion passed.

Thank you to Cris Morin for creating the ornament on the award.

First place and People's Choice awards go to Laurie Raymond and Adrienne Myerson-Raymond of 145 Mendon Street.

Thank you to Blackstone Valley Physical Therapy who donated the first-place award.

Thank you to BMYAA who donated the second-place award.

Thank you to All Fur Love who donated the third-place award.

Thank you to Celeste Langlois who donated the People's Choice award.

Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Sara, to return to regular agenda. Motion passed.

Correspondence

Request for Parks and Rec to change meeting dates. After discussion, it was agreed Parks and Rec will stay with second and fourth Mondays in the selectmen's meeting room.

Checks from Mass Cultural Council – reimbursement for \$250 for last year's movie night and \$500 for this year.

Bills – none

Motion was made by Sara, seconded by Kim, to pay outstanding TruGreen bill. Motion passed.

Bob Gilbert *Sara Peters* *Don Cox*

Old Business

Have second and third place winners from Bling Up Blackstone come to the town clerk's office to claim their awards.

ADA – we don't have money in our budget for these modifications. Per town administrator, work with the ADA committee, and apply for ADA grant again. We can definitely do small items on our own.

Sara is the chairperson of the ADA committee and one of her goals is to separate cost items versus no cost items. Make suggestions to departments on how to prioritize. Recommend Parks and Rec should go for \$250,000 ADA grant each year.

Add ADA transition plan to Parks and Rec agenda to be discussed monthly at first meeting of each month.

Restrooms are a big-ticket item, and pathways to and from them. Would need warrant article and grant.

Warrant article – Celeste Langlois consolidated funds for basketball court and ADA compliant pathways at Turbesi.

Move storage bins at Goulet to clear pathway to restrooms. This is an easy fix.

February Event – Celeste posted an on-line poll. More people were interested in a craft night. We will have crafts in the Senior Center annex and games in the Senior Center. Gear craft to age groups. We will serve bottled water and popcorn.

Adam will get paint brushes.

Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Kim, to allocate \$200 for snacks, supplies and paint for game/craft night on Wednesday, 2/18 at 6:00. Motion passed.

Celeste put together the town report submission.

Primary Goals -events for 2026 were previously discussed. Semi-quincentennial will be a very busy time.

New Business

Update on meeting with town administrator – discussed:

1. Old Lincoln Street is still in the selectmen's hands.
2. Warrant article – consolidate
3. ADA grant
4. Electrical Plan

Celeste spoke with the director of the senior center. They requested parking senior vans under our pavilion. Celeste had Adam move the picnic tables since their pavilion isn't built yet. Celeste requested that they be trained not to hit anything. Also, they can only park there when there is the threat of snow.

The progress of the senior pavilion is disappointing.

Sara to put form on open gov for sponsors.

There has been a change to the secretary's payroll policy. Minutes and invoice to be submitted directly to town accountant via email.

Purchase orders are needed for items over \$5,000, and need three bids.

Field request form for open gov – Sara is 95% done but still working on it.

\$454 was spent on last year's Easter Egg Hunt.

Push field requests to first meeting in March.

Lauren has given Parks and Rec their own Amazon account. Celeste will be the contact. Town administrator and assistant town administrator will approve purchases.

School Committee Meeting approved use of the BMR track for Derby Days. Celeste will re-do our request to include having movie indoors and also to get portapotties. We might get food trucks. Possible movies are Spirit, Black Beauty, Seabiscuit, Dreamer.

Celeste will send a letter to MyFM asking if they will be master of ceremonies for the Derby Days races.

Good and Welfare – Parks and Rec

Don – disappointed with the Patriots. The Lions Comedy Night is Saturday, 3/7. Doors open at 6:30. Show is at 7:00.

Kim, Bob, Sara – none

Celeste – Happy Birthday to her niece and nephew. Happy Valentines Day!

Motion was made by Kim, seconded by Sara, to adjourn at 7:10. Motion passed.

Approved:
Celeste
Sara