



**CITY OF ESSEX JUNCTION
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING Draft Minutes**

*Online & 75 Maple St.
Essex Junction, VT 05452
Monday, April 27, 2026
6:00 PM*

Members Present

Bridget Downey-Meyer, Cora Delucia, Piper Goodkind, Pat Lynch, Rachel Hamm Vaughan, Joshua Birmingham

Members Not Present

Oona Osborne, Jocelyn Emilio

Staff Present

Mark Brislin

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Bridget.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- The Pacifier Tree discussion was added to the agenda.
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3. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

- There were no members of the public present to be heard.
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4. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- The minutes were reviewed.
 - Rachel motioned to approve the minutes, Joshua seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
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5. RAC MEMBER FEEDBACK TIME

- No feedback was shared.

6. FROM IDEAS TO ACTION: NEXT STEPS FOR RAC

Discussion topics included:

- High school volunteer group
 - Community surveys
 - Master plan/goals
 - T-shirts/badges
 - Adult recess
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7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/UPDATE

- Mark shared the Director's Report, reviewing community events, programs, parks and pools, and licensed childcare.
 - Members asked follow-up questions, and Mark provided additional details.
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8. PACIFIER TREE (ADDED AGENDA ITEM)

- Mark shared a request from a community member regarding the possibility of installing a Pacifier Tree in one of the parks.
 - The committee tabled the discussion until the next meeting to allow members time to research the idea further.
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9. DISCUSS ANY POTENTIAL ACTION STEPS

- RAC members will research the Pacifier Tree concept.
 - Mark will locate and share the previous Master Plan with the RAC.
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10. ADJOURN

- Pat motioned to adjourn, Rachel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.
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Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2026.

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