

TOWN OF LYME
Recreation Commission
April 27, 2026

Members Present: Dina Cutting, Ashley Luurtsema, Luke Prince, Michael Hinsley
Public: Kevin Isette, Kerri Gandin (partial)

Meeting opened at 6:05pm

1. Post-Season All-Star Baseball Team

- Kerri Gandin proposed the creation of a Lyme Recreation All-Star baseball team to help retain players at the Cal Ripken level and reduce the need for participation in external club programs.
- It was noted that All-Star teams must operate under a formal charter. Previously, Lyme teams participated under the Twin Rivers charter, of which they are no longer a part. Each team now maintains its own charter.
- The Commission discussed whether this initiative aligns with the philosophy of the Recreation program. Dina Cutting reported that she had consulted with the insurance provider regarding potential coverage if the program operates outside direct Recreation Commission oversight.
- Estimated participation costs are projected at \$100–\$150 per player, with the expectation that most families would be able to support this expense. The Commission reviewed existing policy, which emphasizes providing the broadest possible access to recreational opportunities.
- Michael Hinsley made a motion to approve a one-year trial of an All-Star Baseball program, with the goal of including as many participants as possible. Ashley Luurtsema seconded the motion. The motion passed with three votes in favor and one opposed. Approval is contingent upon sufficient family participation, with financial assistance available through the Boosters for those in need.

2. Fall Baseball Program

- The Commission discussed continuing the Fall Baseball program, which was offered independently in the previous year due to time constraints. The program is designed as a casual league with no practices and one game per week, scheduled to avoid conflicts with soccer.
- The program is open to all players and is intended to provide a low-pressure environment, particularly beneficial for those transitioning to higher levels of play the following spring season.

- Scheduling is coordinated by the Norwich Baseball Association, with umpires paid through league organizers. Registration fees will cover associated costs. The home run fence will not be used this season.
- Luke Prince made a motion to approve the Fall Baseball program. Michael Hinsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Board Appointment

- Michael Hinsley made a motion to appoint Kevin Isette as an alternate to the Recreation Commission. Luke Prince seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Post Pond

- Cleanup date to be determined; tentatively scheduled for May 16
- Docks installation planned for the weekend of June 20

The meeting was closed at 7:15PM

Next Meeting TBD

Minutes submitted by Ashley Luurtsema