

Plaistow Recreation Commission  
**Recreation Strategic Plan**

**2022**

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Attached is an update to the Recreation Strategic Plan. This plan was originally requested by the Board of Selectmen, based on Recommendation #51 from the Plaistow First Committee--

*#51- The BOS direct Town Manager to work with the Recreation Department and Recreation Commission to develop a Recreation Strategic Plan, to include properties, buildings and/or other facilities to be developed and/or acquired including a priority designation.*

The members of the Recreation Commission are all active participants in the Recreation programs and have compiled this data based on our first-hand knowledge of Town needs and in consultation with the parents that we work with. We are confident that any costly formal community survey would reveal the same list of activities and priorities.

These activities are consistent with (1) both national and local trends and (2) the primary goal as recorded in the Recreation Chapter of the Master Plan to “Provide suitable recreation opportunities- land, programs, and facilities- to service the town’s existing and future populations.”

We believe that “Recreation is for Everyone” and therefore we have included both passive and active recreational activities, as well as the traditional team sports activities. The Plaistow Recreation Capital Reserve Fund and Recreation Impact Fees will help support these worthwhile priorities.

While the Town of Plaistow has been successful in expanding our recreational capabilities this past decade (i.e. PARC), we still are behind in any measure of meeting either national or state trends or in satisfying the demand of our current and future population.

It is worth noting that many current national trends include increased water activities such as – swimming, fishing, boating, canoeing, sailing, water skiing, power boating – Plaistow does NOT have the natural resources to possibly meet that demand, so we must “double-up” on those activities that we can provide - such as walking, hiking, running, team sports, etc.

We would be glad to provide additional information or more detail about the proposed activities in our Strategic Plan. While we did not do a costly formal survey we would note that many of the recommended activities are no-cost/low-cost family oriented activities that can be accommodated on existing town-owned land and are consistent with activities mentioned in NH SCORP (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan).

We thank you for this opportunity to present our plan and look forward to hearing from you regarding the next steps.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Kerry Patles, Chair Plaistow Recreation Commission

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**Recreation Strategic Items**

1. Trails to include, but not limited to- running, walking, biking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, picnic areas and shelter, sledding hills, bouldering, fitness trails, Letterboxing trails
  - 1A. Land/easement acquisition and surveying to plan said trails
2. A-D Additional ball fields (B) and security improvements (C) and facility field improvements to include, but not limited to- T Ball (A), Softball (B), Babe Ruth Baseball, Senior Leagues, Play and Field Space (B) and Multi-use space. Also possible additional lights and fences (D).
3. Additional Courts for Volleyball, Bocce ball
4. Dog Park
5. Floor Hockey Rink
6. Community Center
7. Adult Fitness Park
8. Wiffle Ball Court @ Smith Field
9. Wifi/Internet Access @ P.A.R.C
10. Beede site greenspace access for recreation purposes
11. 13 passenger van (non CDL size) for Recreation Dept
12. AED unit at P.A.R.C
13. New Basketball Court

*Adopted April 2012*  
*Revised May 2016*  
*Revised September 2019*  
*Revised February 2020*  
*Revised September 2021*  
*Revised August 2022*