



TOWN OF FREEPORT
Hunter Road Fields Committee
Thursday, August 21, 2025
7:30 AM

Minutes

Attendance: Aaron Francis, Henry Lawrence, Rachel Meinert, Joni Thompson, Michael Pistrang, Matt Walsh, Nelson Larkins, Peter Wagner (on Zoom)

Absent: Phil Wagner

Also: Carrie Weeman, Sophie Wilson, Rachel Meinert

- I. Welcome
- II. Approve Minutes of 4/17/25. Motion-Lawrence, Second-Walsh. Passed 8-0.
- III. Old Business
 - a. ADA work at fields should begin after Fall sports are done, depending on weather. Possible finalization in Spring 2026.
 - b. All three buildings on site will be painted this Fall.
 - c. Vandalism/restroom locks. No damage over summer. Still may need better system.
 - d. Brush work at fields completed Spring 2025.
 - e. Still need cost estimate for rocks/fence at soccer fields to keep vehicles off fields.
 - f. Blueberry fields. Make it clear to maintenance not to cut them. Review fields in 2026. If producing well then no cut 2026. Estimate possible cut every 5 or so years. No need to do burning. Consider cutting only part each year, after 5 years.
 - g. Goal mouths of soccer fields repaired and look good.
- IV. Fall Field Schedule
 - a. Little League 9/2-10/31. The exact schedule and number of teams are unknown at this time. Fee has not been paid. Summer field usage was never reserved or paid for.
 - b. Harraseeket Harriers meet on 10/15. RSU5 Community Programs has asked for the entire facility from 2:30-6. No other practices will be allowed that day.

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The Town of Freeport is an equal opportunity employer and service provider that celebrates diversity and is committed to creating an inclusive environment for our employees and those we serve.

Peter Wagner has informed the committee that rec will attempt to have more staff at the event to help with traffic, signage, and keeping spectating children off the soccer nets.

- c. RSU5 Community Programs soccer. Will be using the school fields for practice during the week. Games Saturdays at HRF 8-3. Possible use of Hunter on Fridays.
- d. Freeport United is unable to use the Middle School fields this season because of wear and tear. They will be using HRF Mon-Fri for practices and Sunday 12-8 for games. They are only using one field on Friday. They have 13 teams this fall.
- e. Freeport High School teams have been using the HRF soccer fields for preseason practice without notifying us. Peter Wagner sent an email to the AD and coaches to let them know they need to be part of the scheduling.
- f. Maine Coast Waldorf cross country races on 9/19 @ 4:30 & 5 which is a Friday so it shouldn't have a big impact on usage that day.
- g. Haven Home School soccer using the fields on Fridays 9/5-10/31 from 10:00-12:30. They have already paid the usage fee.
- h. Fields will be lined on 8/22.

V. Fees

- a. Get comparisons from other towns and fees charged by RSU5 (Peter).
- b. Develop recommendations for 2026. Consider cost of living adjustments in future.
- c. Vote at October meeting and forward to Town Council for approval before 2026.

VI. Other Business-none.

VII. Next meeting set for 10/16 at 7:30 AM.

VIII. Adjourn. Motion-Francis, Second-Lawrence. Pass 7-0.