

Summary of Parking & Events Talk 4-21-26

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Action Items

Speaker B Submit resignation letter

Turn in resignation letter to the selectman (intended to submit tomorrow) and include a printed copy of the relevant minutes/draft referenced.

Chair Provide fishing-derby prize list

Bring the list of ordered derby prizes to the Monday meeting; identify any missing items to order or confirm alternatives.

Speaker C Provide derby logistics update

Prepare and share additional information about the fishing derby (timing, registration, delivery dates, volunteers) for the Monday meeting.

Speaker B Request food donation

Contact the school (and/or local retailers such as Walmart) to request hot dog buns or other food donations for the event and report status on Monday.

Overview

- Meeting covered **policies & procedures**, recent event logistics (Easter egg hunt, fishing derby) and committee communication problems; **tone was tense** with resignations discussed.
- Members agreed to formalize a simple set of parking-rack policies to align with **town RSAs** and avoid legal/operational risk.
- Operational priorities: **clear communication channel**, financial records (ledger/receipts) and event logistics (prizes, food, volunteers).
- Group committed to reconvene **Monday at 6:30 PM** to finalize drafts and logistics; short-term de-escalation requested.

Policies & procedures

- The committee lacks a consistent, local set of operating policies; samples were compiled from nearby towns and an AI draft was shown but had errors (wrong RSA references and numeric misprints).
- Several members insisted the committee must follow applicable **town RSAs** and conform drafts to town rules rather than adopt external templates wholesale.
- Disagreements centered on scope: what belongs to parking-rack committee vs. town administration (financial operations, permits).
- Members recommended producing a single, concise draft that: references the correct RSA(s), clarifies scope (what the rack committee can/cannot enforce), and is reviewed before posting publicly.
- Next: finalize a draft conforming to town RSAs and circulate for review at the Monday meeting.

Communications & governance

- Communication gaps were a major source of friction: missing town emails, ad-hoc outreach, and assumptions about who should handle permit/contact tasks created repeated pushback.
- Proposed fixes: create a shared committee email (so all members can access thread history), centralize meeting minutes draft/review process, and ensure the secretary files a dated "draft" with the town before posting final minutes.
- Members stressed transparency: keep a draft/minutes workflow (draft review next meeting approved minutes posted) to avoid public confusion from premature figures or misstatements.
- Outlook: reconvene Monday to agree on communication tools, minute workflow, and whether to establish committee-specific email accounts.

Events: Easter egg hunt & Fishing Derby

- Events were reviewed: the Easter egg hunt occurred and was generally successful but revealed coordination and timing issues (setup expectations, volunteer coverage).
- Fishing Derby is scheduled soon; roles and logistics remain incomplete: prize procurement, food (hot dogs/buns), registration/raffle logistics and volunteer assignment.
- Practical items discussed: prizes ordered by one member, potential 50/50 or raffle fundraising, volunteers for setup/registration, and food donations (Walmart / local school / other donors suggested).
- Members agreed to consolidate event checklists and inventory and to revisit on Monday to finalize remaining items and assignments.

Finance & records

- Committee needs clear financial tracking: receipts, a ledger, and a named person (treasurer/liason) to request monthly balances from the town financial officer.
- Minutes contained a numeric misprint referencing **\$103,000**; members agreed that public drafts must not contain inaccurate figures and that final corrections must be documented before posting.
- The group emphasized that any revolved or restricted funds must be reconciled with town procedures before spending; secretary/treasurer must coordinate with town staff for clarity.
- Looking forward: designate who will liaise with the town finance officer and ensure receipts and ledger entries are available for the next meeting.

Volunteers, safety & vetting

- Concern raised about volunteer vetting (background checks) for events involving children; members discussed whether to require background checks and who would pay/coordinate them.
- Consensus: clarify volunteer expectations in the policies draft (e.g., recommended vetting for certain roles), and present options (voluntary sign-up vs. formal checks) for Monday discussion.
- Practical short-term step: rely on clear signage and basic town support (post signs, ask town staff to assist with enforcement) while drafting formal volunteer procedures.

Tone, governance & next meeting

- Several members expressed frustration with interpersonal dynamics and repeated pushback; two members announced intent to resign although others urged patience and another chance.
- The chair called for cooling off: table contentious points for the rest of the week and reconvene **Monday at 6:30 PM** (library) to review a consolidated draft, finalize event logistics, and decide next governance steps.
- Outlook: the group committed to try one more meeting to produce an agreed policy draft, event checklists, and clear communication channels; if unresolved, members reserve the right to step away.