

Darrow Pond Subcommittee  
MINUTES  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, February 3, 2026  
9:00 am

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Meeting location: **Community Center- Parks and Recreation**

1. Call to order

Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 905 am. The Pledge was recited.

2. Attendance

Present: Todd Donovan, Chuck Mebus, Bruce Dassinger, Gail Popoff, Marjorie Meekhoff, Jerry Lokken

Absent: Rich Williams, Gary Goeschel, Megan Hatt

3. Approval of minutes of April 28, 2025

Bruce Dassinger made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2025 meeting, seconded by Marjorie Meekhoff. No discussion and motion passed unanimously.

4. Rec Trails Grant and property update

Jerry Lokken provided an overview of where things stand related to the Rec.Trails Grant, approvals from regulatory agencies, and funding. The consultant that was hired completed its work in designing an ADA accessible trail, and additional trail improvements and parking improvements for the property. Inland Wetlands and Zoning meeting will occur this week and CIP funding will be discussed in the coming weeks. We need permits and funding to be approved to maximize our opportunity for a Rec Trails construction grant, where the Town would allocate 20% and the state would match 80% of the project cost. The consultant who prepared the planning and design for the trails, also prepared the application for state funding for construction.

5. Next steps

No discussion

6. Adjournment

Bruce Dassinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gail Popoff. No discussion and motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.