

Recreation Facilities

- Prescott Park, *Route 3 North*
- Swasey Park, *High Street*
- Childs Park, *Meredith Center Road*
- Hesky Park, *Meredith Bay*
- Scenic Park / Clough Park, *Meredith Bay*
- Waukewan Highlands, *Parade Road*
- Community Park, *Main Street*
- Circle Drive Park, *Circle Drive*
- Hamlin Recreation and Conservation Area, *Chemung Road*
- Waukewan Beach, *Waukewan Street*
- Leavitt Beach, *Leavitt Road*
- Tennis Courts, *Prescott Park*
- Glenn Hart Memorial Skate Park, *Prescott Park*
- Meredith Senior Center, *Meredith Community Center*
- Meredith Community Center, *Route 3 North*



Parks and Recreation Commission

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen the commission meets once a month. Its' mission: to assist the Meredith Parks and Recreation Director; to define and provide diverse, leisure time recreation that complements and preserves the natural beauty and resources of Meredith.

Goals

To promote recreational activity for children and adults of all ages and abilities the Commission:

- Support the Parks and Recreation Director in his/her efforts to build/maintain recreation facilities in the Town of Meredith.
- Raise awareness of the benefits of recreation for all children and adults.
- Encourage collaboration with other agencies/organizations in town in an effort to maintain/expand the recreational opportunities in the Town of Meredith.

Within the Commission, there are multiple task groups (committees). Each committee addresses a specific task based on the goals: facilities, parks, beaches, or program development.



Become Involved!

- Serve on the Commission.
- Volunteer for a specific project.
- Join a committee.

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Meredith Parks and Recreation Commission



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Long Term Goals

- Establish recreation programming for all of the Meredith community
- Conduct a fully licensed and accredited after-school program
- Conduct a fully licensed and accredited day camp program
- Provide accessibility to services on line
- Establish an annual turf management plan for all athletic fields
- Establish an organized photo display of Meredith Parks and Recreation services
- Prepare a new resident packet that explains the recreation programs, facilities and spaces that Meredith Parks and Recreation offers the citizens of Meredith.
- Form a clearinghouse for information, with the support of other organizations, regarding recreational programs offered in Meredith (GS, BS, 4H, soccer, etc)
- Make water based programs more accessible, with the support of other organizations, to all the Meredith residents (sailing, paddle sports, rowing)

Facility Improvement Plan

- Waukewan Highlands
- Childs Park
- Prescott Park
- Swasey Park
- Leavitt Beach
- Waukewan Beach
- Meredith Community Center
- Circle Drive Park

Community Center History

On April 3, 2006, approximately 100 Meredith residents attended the dedication of Meredith Community Center.

For more than 50 years, there had been discussion about a community center. In 1990, the Meredith Board of Selectmen (BOS) appointed a Community Center Search Committee (CCSC). In 1992 the CCSC conducted a town-wide survey and in 1994, at Town Meeting, citizens appropriated \$13,000 for a feasibility study. In 1997, a warrant article for the construction of the community center, in the amount of \$776,000, was presented to voters. The warrant was defeated.

In 2000, a proposal to establish an Expendable Trust Fund for the future construction of the CC was presented at town meeting. In 2000, \$50,000 was passed, in 2001, \$100,000, and in 2002, \$150,000. In 2003, \$150,000 was approved and added to the fund.

In 2002, the BOS appointed a new CCSC, charging them to reassess the needs of the community, recommend a location, and produce a design for a community center. The CCSC assessed community needs, gathering input from potential user groups, civic organizations, and other community members.

In November 2002, Meredith issued a Request For Proposal. Firms were interviewed and Christopher P. Williams Architects of Meredith was hired. In April 2003, the BOS selected a construction management firm, Bauen Corporation.

The CCSC visited several community centers to help Williams and Bauen develop design strategies.

In November 2003, The BOS applied a budget figure of \$3.5 million to the community center project and chose to research the “Lumbertown” site as a potential location. At the 2004 town meeting, the BOS proposed, to purchase the “Lumbertown” site.

The CCSC, with the support of Bauen and Christopher Williams Architects, then scheduled informational meetings and public forums to discuss the community center project.

On March 10, 2004, at town meeting voters approved a warrant article to construct the Meredith Community Center by a vote of 264-106. A warrant article to purchase the “Lumbertown” property as the site of the new Community Center also passed.

The CCSC initiated a fund raising campaign to raise \$400,000. The CCSC initiated another fundraiser, a Walkathon in May, 2006. With the support of a \$100,000 challenge grant and the generosity of hundreds of citizens, Meredith now has a striking community center. It includes user friendly materials and equipment that can accommodate participants of all age and ability.

