



## Sperry Park Committee

Hybrid meeting  
January 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm

**To be held via Zoom and in-person**

Town Hall 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room - masks required

Link to join Zoom: [bit.ly/Sperry-Park-01-03-23](https://bit.ly/Sperry-Park-01-03-23)

### Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to order
- II. Introduction of members
- III. Discuss request regarding the park, submitted by Amity High School student  
Sophia McDermott (see attached), and act as necessary
- IV. Act as necessary on meeting schedule for FY 2023
- V. Adjourn



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## Project Summary

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**Sophia McDermott** <sophiarivka@gmail.com>

Wed, Dec 7, 2022 at 9:32 PM

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Hi,

Below is a brief summary on my project that I believe will be presented to the Board next week. Thanks again for talking with me today!

Sophia

My name is Sophia McDermott, and I am a part of the Conservation Ambassador Program (CAP) at the Natural Resource and Conservation Academy (NRCA) at UConn (<https://nrca.uconn.edu/cap/>). This is a yearlong program in which high school students work with a UConn mentor and a community partner to develop community-based conservation projects.

For my project, I hope to collect information on the public interest around Sperry Park and specifically the use of Sperry Falls, through a survey published in the town paper and newsletter. The survey will aim to assess whether citizens want to make Sperry Park more open to the public (in that recreational use of the falls is permitted) by giving it high/moderate impact designation, or maintain its lower impact designation as a reservoir.

Additionally, I hope to educate the town on the importance and history of the park through this survey: what it means to the town, and what it has historically meant to the town. This project will hopefully educate and guide the town in its restrictions/allowance of recreational use in the park, and provide more access/clearer guidelines to patrons. I welcome feedback from the Board of Selectmen or other town committees on the content/distribution of the survey.

I hope to send out this survey and have the data collected by February 2023, so that I can analyze and present the data in March. I look forward to meeting members of the Board of Selectmen and thank them for their consideration and interest.