

The Town of Waterford is pleased to announce and welcome both a new Recreation Director and a Community Coordinator. The Board of Selectmen is enthusiastic that these new roles will bring much needed activities and support resources to residents of all ages in the Town of Waterford.

The *Recreation Director* role has been filled by **Kayla Laird** in an innovative collaborative partnership with the Town of Harrison. Capitalizing on the existing community and school system relationships, this exclusive partnership will bring continuity and continued community interactions. Kayla will continue, as she has done for years in Harrison, to organize and facilitate traditional sports activities and events such as baseball, softball, soccer and basketball. With the official addition of Waterford's school-aged children to her purview, children in Waterford will be provided an equal opportunity for inclusion to summer recreational programs and special events. Also, it is anticipated that there will be an increased use of the Sandlot sports facility in Waterford, as well as the ability to electronically register children for sporting activities.



Kayla Laird

The *Community Coordinator* position has been filled by **Kelley Halter Schaeffer**, in a new and exciting role that will focus on activities and structured events for all

members of the Waterford community. Activities such as hiking, crafting, fishing, baking and social engagements are planned. Additionally, Kelley will work closely with existing community groups to bolster these interactions and embrace the positive experiences they create. Waterford is home to a wealth of adults with knowledge, experience, and skill-sets that should be shared with our youth. The opportunity to facilitate positive interactions between adults and children in our community is seen to be enriching to all participants. These planned activities within our beautiful community will be an innovative extension of the many ongoing efforts to promote community spirit and outreach.



Kelley Halter Schaeffer

Perhaps as exciting as what Kayla and Kelley individually bring to Waterford and its community, is the shared path they are embarking on. The commitment to collaborate and partner with activities across town lines enriches both communities and their residents. Senior luncheons and “getaway” trips are just two examples of combined efforts that are being planned to bolster this innovative joint-venture.

The Board of Selectmen are profoundly excited to welcome Kayla and Kelley in their roles, and are looking forward to the shared experiences and positive community interactions well into the future.

Kayla Laird

Kayla moved to Harrison 7 years ago and lives with her husband Josh, daughters Emma and Anna, son Cody and black lab named Buddy. Growing up, she was a three-sport athlete and continued her love of sports into her college years at Saint Joseph’s College of Maine. In 2016, she became the Harrison Recreation Director and has never looked back!

Kayla’s previous line of work was Case Management for Adults with Disabilities and in home supports for Children with Disabilities. When asked about her reasons for becoming the Recreation Director, Kayla stated, *“Being the Recreation Director allows me to work with those of all ages and be active in our community sports and events. I look forward to helping Waterford grow their Recreation Department and getting to know more members of the community!”*



Josh, Kayla, Emma, Anna, and Cody

Kelley Halter Schaeffer

Kelley moved to Waterford with her family three years ago and is “thankful” to be a Waterford resident. As a nature enthusiast, she has a deep love of this community and its natural beauty, and appreciates that her three children will be raised in this environment.

Kelley has been an educator, therapist, and systems advocate for more than a decade. With her “lifelong passion for people”, she is looking forward to fostering meaningful and supportive connections within our community.



Kelley Halter Schaeffer