

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN HALL -PLANNING BOARD ROOM  
BELLINGHAM, MASS.

January 23, 1969 - JOINT MEETING  
"OPEN SPACE PLAN"

The scheduled Joint Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 8:45 P.M. Present were: Louis Kahlenbeck, Parks and Recreation Comm., Brennan, Building Codes Comm., Arcand, Zoning Agent, Philip Herr, Consultant and George Wheeler, Finance Committee.

The Conservation Commission was not represented.

Mr. Herr informed those present that in other towns the Open Space Program has served to determine what general directions should be taken in respects to programming, etc. These directions could make the town eligible for state aid.

He proposed that the boards start meeting and making the effort as to what they want to achieve. The people should be given an opportunity to express their thoughts and then the boards could determine what remains to be done.

Louis Kahlenbeck gave an up to date progress analysis of the Park and Recreation Programs and said he hoped to see in the future, some sort of recreational center, something similar to a YMCA. He said that the recent Recreational Survey had helped to establish an outstanding Swimming Program for the town. Prior said he felt that Recreation Programs should have help and it was hoped that the School, Conservation and Parks Comms. would work together to help finance them.

Herr said that the boards should work to produce a document to show the Finance Committee and townspeople what the different boards are working out together and are setting up as their goals.

The board unanimously agreed to meet with the School Committee and to extend another invitation to the Conservation Commission.

Kahlenbeck asked if funds could be set aside each year toward a recreational center. Herr said that although the town was not allowed to reserve funds for special projects such as this, it might be made possible through a Stabilization Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

APPROVED AS READ:

*Francis J. Parisi*  
*Herb L. Day*  
*Michelle S. Parisi*

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jean M. Giard*  
Jean M. Giard, Clerk