

**Minutes: Selectmen's Meeting – Tuesday, September 7, 2010**

Present: Kevin W. Welch, Chairman and Kenneth J. Leva, Clerk; Walter F. Alterisio, Procurement Officer and Member absent

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with quorum present. Sue Psaledakis appeared before the board and casually addressed a number of items that have been mentioned relative to pathways – she floated a number of traffic calming measures and suggestions included roundabouts, etc.

Sue confirmed she's still heading up CPA and inquired whether Chairman Welch would continue as BOS designee. Chairman Welch mentioned the cemetery wall suggesting it as well as some of the older tombstones qualified for CPA funds which Sue confirmed seemed possible. Chairman Welch also noted the arch bridge condition and suggested that it be looked at – he noted it's also historic.

Sue reported the Union windows came in at 26K out of CPA well within the amount voted by CPA. Sue has been in touch with Gary Hoglund who provided the figures for the CPA contribution. Chairman Welch was a little uncomfortable with the number. Sue and Chairman Welch discussed the numbers relative to their understanding of the window costs.

Bill Moeller visited briefly with the board while waiting for his meeting to begin. Bill addressed the board with a point of information relative to whether, if a goose hunter is way off shooting at geese how far do the pellets go before they fall out of the sky. Chairman Welch indicated it's dependent on the charge and size of the pellets. Bill felt that it would seem the pellets would go quite a way before they fell. He noted goose hunters in the field across from him and they're shooting toward the roadway where cars, people could be hit. They set with the woods behind them and shoot toward the road. Chairman Welch will check out tomorrow morning.

Lisa Gervais appeared before the board per board's request relative to Larter Field maintenance. Chairman Welch reported that board is just trying to get everyone on the same page – noting the suggestion relative to placing signs on Larter Field to raise funds for maintenance. Chairman Welch advised that isn't a new suggestion has been suggested at the High School numerous times and always shot down. He referenced the recent discussions between the board, etc. Chairman Welch noted board secretary had invited the two groups: parks & recreation via e-mail to invite both. Selectman Leva noted that the whole thing came up because of a suggestion made by a resident which snowballed. Lisa advised that Recreation and Parks had discussed the issue but basically agreed, although no vote was taken, that they don't want to step on anyone's toes.

Lisa referenced the discussion relative to the concerns expressed by the donor. She further referred to references in e-mails between Dave & Rob where Dan Twomey, Director of Athletics @GDRSD approached them relative to possible rental of the fields and Jeff from GD Soccer relative to increased use and some monetary payments for the increased use. She advised that Greenscapes came in this year so much cheaper than Flynn Property Services and TruGreen last year for the two fields.

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Lisa confirmed that, after joint meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>, there'd been no further committee discussion relative to the signage. Chairman Welch attempted to confirm that it was fair to say that the signage proposal may have been mothballed. At present, there are no action items to pursue this. He asked as far as she knows with Greenscapes current proposal, there's no reason why the diamond may not be cleaned up? Issue seems to be with concern for why the irrigation isn't being operated consistently. As far as Lisa knows were there any major breakdowns and repairs to the fields and irrigation system this year. It was noted that the fields were looking pretty bad for a while but then improved tremendously.

Chairman Welch noted the assumption that addressing the diamonds is held over to the spring cleanup since they're not used in the fall and winter season. Lisa basically confirmed, as far as she knows, there's no issue with funding for maintenance. Selectman Leva brought up the question about the fact that there are no provisions for disposal of trash. The board was in favor of researching the costs relative to pickup via Dunstable Property Services who visits the transfer station on Saturdays.

Lisa noted another item that the groups have been looking into was trees for shade down by the swing set, etc. Chairman Welch noted that tree warden can get trees for \$1.00 a tree and suggested that Parks contact Bob Bacon our Tree Warden.

Minutes of 8/9 were approved as amended. Chairman Welch indicated there have been some inquiries into scheduling for a special town meeting. He suggested looking at the calendar – noting that Town Clerk must provide the final on the date; the secretary will provide her with a block of dates between now and the middle of October. He reported on the advantage of picking a 6-10 week window. (copy Moderator, Ted Gaudette on the e-mail inquiry for date). Once they get back to BOS with date, the board will run by all other boards.

The Treasurer's warrants were reviewed and signed and with nothing further pending meeting adjourned at 8:03PM after appropriate motions and vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary