

**Millis Recreation Committee
900 Main Street, Room 128
Millis, MA 02054
November 2, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Steve Cassidy, Judy Malouf, Sue Vara, Mike Banks, Pam Mustard arrived at 6:18 pm
Absent: Kris Fogarty, Deb Juhl, Billy Schulz

CALL TO ORDER: Committee Chair Mike Banks called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

UPDATE ON FIELDS WARRANT ARTICLE:

Jim McKay, Assistant Director of the D.P.W. attended this meeting to participate in the Fields Warrant discussion. Mr. Brutus Cantoreggi and Mr. Dave Schofield are expected to come to inform the Committee of the Warrant Article.

Discussion revolved around centralizing maintenance of all of the different fields in Town for the various sports such as soccer, softball, baseball, flag football to name a few.

Steve Cassidy spoke of Millis Soccer Club's need for space for practices and games. He spoke of working with the Recreation Department and attempting to work with Oak Grove Farm in order to fulfill their needs. His request is to have Millis residents come first for field space, then outside entities to have second choice after Millis sports teams have been accommodated.

At 6:20 pm, Mr. Cantoreggi and Mr. Schofield arrived.

The discussion continued of the pros and cons of new fields being built. The two properties that were mentioned were Cassidy Field and the Oak Grove Farm field behind the farmhouse. It is our understanding that Oak Grove Farm has been planning to put in a field for soccer which would help alleviate some of the need for some younger players, but wouldn't address all the need for high school and older players in Town.

More of the discussion revolved around what the original intent was when Oak Grove Farm was purchased.

Jim McKay explained that the Town of Millis has received a grant of \$50,000 from the State of Massachusetts that coincided with the Millis Girls Softball winning the championship. The hope is to utilize these funds to update the fields on the Town Park.

Motion by Judy Malouf, seconded by Sue Vara to support the warrant article to centralize maintenance of all Town owned fields, and would be pending additional components. The motion passed unanimously.

There was also discussion of the warrant article pertaining to irrigation at Oak Grove Farm. The Committee did not vote on this article.

REVOLVING FUND DISCUSSION

This will be discussed at our upcoming December 7th Recreation Committee Meeting.

PARTICIPATION AWARDS

There was brief discussion of participation awards for both the soccer and basketball recreation programs. Chair, Mike Banks, wanted to discuss this further at our upcoming December 7th Recreation Committee Meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Judy Malouf, seconded by Steve Cassidy to approve the meeting minutes for October 5, 2015. The motion carried with four in favor and one abstained as he wasn't part of the Committee on October 5th.

The June 8th, 2015 minutes were available for this meeting, but there wasn't a quorum of attendees in order to vote for these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Judy Malouf, seconded by Mike Banks to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan K. Vara