

CIPC Meeting DRAFT Minutes July 24th, 2014

Present: Paul Punturieri, Jordan Prouty, Bob Goffredo, Josh Bartlett, Alan Ballard

Audience: Nancy Wright, Al Hume, Carla Taylor, Joanne Farnham, Jean Beadle, Carter Terenzini, Donna Kuethe, Russ Wakefield

The chair opened the meeting at 10:00am.

The minutes of the July 17th meeting were reviewed. Motion by Alan to approve, seconded by Josh. U/A.

Donna Kuethe presented to the members the information previously requested to support the recreation departments requests for the softball field rehab/rebuild. Usage schedule was handled out to committee members. In response to questions from the committee, despite the sharp decline in school enrollment, programs for younger people are increasing. The field schedule also only reflects scheduled events. The field is open to the public and families. The right field area has been a problem for years as it has sunk over the years and is wet. The field was built in the 1970s and has never been rebuilt since. At this point it is unclear whether the field needs a complete rebuild or if it can be repaired. The engineering work proposed for 2015 will tell the story. Carla Taylor commented that there are only 35 kids in Cal Ripken baseball and they are a blend from a number of towns and questioned the need to rebuild the field. The committee asked Carter Terenzini if he could find out the cost for Center Harbor to build the field located at 25b and Rt3.

Al Hume discussed the use of the landfill for potential ball fields and felt it was a viable use for this land as many other communities have found similar uses for old landfills. Carter explained that the problem we have is access to the site. It would require independent access and we would need to acquire land. It was suggested that perhaps an engineering study could be performed to determine what is possible.

The issue of lights for the softball field was discussed. With declining use is there really a need to extend the hours of use with lights? It was noted that approx., \$10K has been raised in private funds. The total cost is estimated to be \$85K. Carla Taylor commented that this all would have been a great conversation with the RAB. There is no little league in town and softball is in decline. We need to build the program back up. Carter commented that Carla's comments were hers and not the RAB's

The pathway was discussed next. Snapshot usage figures were presented to the members. Width of the pathway and whether it needed to be two way was discussed. Carter explained that he would only present recommendations at a minimum design standard of 8 feet with no less than 6 feet in some areas. To the extent possible, the path would be kept to one side, but want to minimize crossovers as much as possible. In terms of funding, it is anticipated that it would be spread over a number of years.

Carter then discussed the States Landing project. The biggest issue is the dredging which needs to be the first stage and will be the most costly. \$50K is being requested for 2015.

Paul made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan.

Meeting adjourned 11:39am.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Punturieri