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Rec Meeting Minutes - 9/21/2009

Attending: Jim Henry, Bob Braceland, Mike Busch, John Sangermano, & Lars Rohrberg.

Short Meeting. Opened at 6:40pm

1. Visit by Jack Wallace, Stow Board of Health 'Health Agent'. Cynobacteria and Blue Green Algae.

Jack briefly discussed reported issues at the Lake Boone related to Cynobacteria. A person reported getting sick as a result of swimming in the lake this summer. The MA Department of Public Health was involved and also the Lake Boon Commission.

Some time this fall a meeting will be held between the BOH, the Lake Boon Commission, Stow Rec, the Stow Conservation Commission etc. A date has not been set.

Mike suggested including Kent Seith - Kent is on the Lake Boon Association but also has a good history of water issues with the lake.

2. Discussion of Article in Draft Warrant for the reconstruction of the Tennis Courts

Discussed whether to not include an article in the upcoming warrant asking for money to replace the tennis courts at the Center-Hale campus. The first draft warrant has a placeholder asking for these funds.

Mike noted how the article presents issues as included.

- If the existing courts will be displaced and new courts are to be constructed, the concept to date is courts built over the new leaching field. But in the best time table for design/construction of the new school, the earliest date to work on these courts in this location is 2+ years away. So why ask for funds in this warrant?
- The Elementary School Building Committee proposal to the MA School Building Association is assembled representing the result of study/planning. There is a concern that any language in the Town Meeting Warrant and the site proposal to include tennis courts would risk distracting from the application to the state. Recreation does not want to risk this application.
- With large money issues on the warrant for the School Project itself, and another major impact article for Affordable Housing, the Stow BOS had asked that any

article for Recreation Tennis Courts be removed. An article for funds at this special town meeting would not be recommended by the BOS.

- In the meetings where Stow Rec has discussed Tennis Courts, the project consultants have discussed putting in provisions such that the courts could be installed at a later date. This includes a sketch on the plans for a tennis court outline, leaching field design that could support courts, provision for no build areas within the leaching field that could eventually accommodate the Tennis Court posts.

After discussion a motion was made to remove the Tennis Court article from the draft warrant and also see that the related ballot question asking for article funding both be removed. Jim made the motion, Bob gave the second, and a vote of 4-0 was made in favor.

Communication will be done immediately with the Town Clerk and the Administrative Assistant to the BOS (Linda Hathaway and Susan McLaughlin) such that the article was removed from the warrant and ballot before these were sent to the printer and prior to the BOS meeting.

Further discussion was looking to find a way to secure the provisions for a future tennis use on the site. We do want to see courts built on the campus in the future. We want to see that the provisions on the plan and the discussions of using the area over the leaching field be reserved for this use.