

**Wayland Recreation Department  
Draft Minutes  
January 15, 2016  
Recreation Meeting**

**Present:** Brud Wright, Frank Krasin, Asa Foster, Jessica Brodie, Anna Meliones  
**Guests:** Stephen Kadlik, Ann Knight, Aida (Library)

**Meeting called to order at 9:37 am** – taped by WayCam

Brud called the meeting to Order.

**Public Comment:**

- No one present to comment

**Discussion about Spring ATM Warrant Articles to submit:**

- Jess provided copies of the Warrant Articles below, with the Text portions already have been edited and approved by Mark Lanza.
  - o 53 D Beach Revolving Fund
    - Remove the last paragraph in the summary section
    - Brud was concerned about the process that will occur at the end of FY17 with the balance above \$10,000 and how it gets transferred.
    - Commission would like to submit page 1.
    - **Asa, motion to accept article as written, Text portion only, for the creation of a 53D Beach Revolving Fund. Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor 5-0-0.**
  - o Stabilization Fund for surplus field user fees
    - Brud was concerned about some of the legal wording that suggests the use of the fund may be changed in the future. Asa responded with thoughts that all uses and changes of the fund are required to have Town Meeting vote.
    - Brud summarized his meeting with the School Committee last night regarding their thoughts on declaring the old DPW site land surplus. Brud explained the sequence of events that have unfolded quickly during the past week, because of the Libraries timing in needing to explore that site for their Grant application, that the timing and momentum may work out so that we could potentially own the land and start an Artificial Turf Field design with user fees that are also transferred to the Stabilization Fund at the Spring Town Meeting.
    - Anna talked about the last CPC meeting and members thoughts about the control of the funds that would be moved into the Recreation Stabilization Fund.
    - Heidi mentioned how the Fire Department has a Stabilization Fund for ambulance purposes, and couldn't see how the town would take user fees collected and moved into a Stabilization Fund for field purposes
    - Commission feels we need to work on the summary, pros, and cons portion of the article before submitting those sections
    - Frank is concerned about the wording of the legislature and the wording of the article because he wants to make sure that the money moved into this account could ONLY be spent by the Recreation Commission and the purpose of the fund could not change without Town Meeting vote and the input from the Recreation Commission. He stated he was not currently in favor of creating this fund because of current suspicious.
    - Anna wants to make sure we specify in the comments section the process for which money would be transferred from the 53E ½ to the General Fund and then to the Stabilization Fund.
    - **Anna, motion to accept the Text for the ATM Spring for the Recreation Stabilization Fund for field user fees as is. Asa, 2<sup>nd</sup>. 4-1-0.**
    - **Anna, motion to accept the Text for the ATM Spring for the Recreation Stabilization Fund for field user fees with the edit in the Text portion to add the word "only", subject to the**

**approval of Mark Lanza. If not approved by Town Counsel, we will revert to the original motion. Asa, 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5-0-0.**

#### **Recap of meeting with Town Counsel on 1/14/16**

- Recapped in above and below discussions

#### **Old DPW site ATM Article for new Library / Turf Field Discussion:**

- Guests Aidia & Ann from the Library attended the meeting and provided an edit to the wording of the article to include the School Department because it was shown they do still own 193 Main Street.
- The town records show that the School committee owns 193 Main Street, but there was no document showing that transfer occurred that appeared at the Registry of Deeds.
- The school committee should be included in the body of the article to ensure that they will have access and an easement to the Middle School.
- The current driveway is located on 195 Main Street, with some thoughts it could be on both parcels of land. If the land was given to another department the school just wants to make sure they will still have right of way access to the school
- Stubby indicated that the DPW board is on board with this Warrant Article to transfer the care and custody of this land for Library and Recreation purposes.
- Brud mentioned how in the coming months we need to work together on presenting the article at Town Meeting.
- Stubby has 6 consultants on contract currently, so if we needed one of them to develop renderings for the property prior to Town Meeting then one of them could probably help without having to go through a formal RFP process.
- Aidia expressed some concerns about how visual renderings of a field and a library may give false hopes and promises of what may be developed at that site in the future.
- **Anna, motion to accept and submit the ATM Article for the authorization for DPW to transfer 193 & 195 Main Street for Library and Recreation. Asa, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. 5-0-0.**

#### **Topics Not Reasonable Anticipated:**

- Brud would like to discuss a placeholder article for Design of a Turf Field at the old DPW site.
- The commission provided edits to the document presented, that will be subject to Mark Lanza's approval
- Discussion about the process that would take place at the ATM this Spring to 1. Create the Stabilization Fund, 2. Transfer money from the Revolving Fund into the Stabilization Fund, and 3. Request to use some of the surplus funds in the Stabilization Fund for the design of a turf field at the old DPW site.
- Nan stopped by to make sure the commission was all set with submitting our articles
  - o Discussion about wording of Stabilization Fund
  - o Discussion about submitting another article to design a turf field using user fees that would be transferred into the Stabilization Fund
  - o Thoughts to keep in mind – before 2003 Stabilization Funds were only for Capital Purposes, but now they are for any lawful purpose. The Turf Replacement Account needs to be determined what type of account it is – Gift or General Fund.
  - o Town meeting and state laws can override special town legislation
- Turf Replacement Account – what statute this fund was created under is still in question. We are thinking it may be a gift account (MGL 53A), and if so, you cannot put user fees into that type of account.
  - o Thoughts then if the money could still be collected into the 53E1/2 and then transferred into the Stabilization Fund with different line items?
  - o The correct way to transfer surplus funds is to go from 53E1/2 to General Fund, then to Stabilization. It would be handled in one motion.
- Frank plans to invite the President of the Boosters to our next Recreation Commission to discuss their thoughts on a Turf Field at the Middle School

- **Asa, motion to approve the ATM Article to fund the design of an Artificial Turf field at 193 & 195 Main Street (also known as old DPW site) up to \$200,000. Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All favor. 5-0-0.**
- Brud would like to make a final decision on the Loker property and the CPC funding, and the commission should make a decision about that property.
- Brief discussion about lights at Riverview ball fields in the future from user fees
- Anna mentioned that CPC is going to be asking the town for 3% return on taxes instead of just 1.5%. The 3% actually gets a large kickback amount from the State vs. the 1.5%. Changing the % has to be a ballot question and then pass at Town Meeting.
- Frank discussed how Kang Associates was hired by the COA/CC Advisory Committee to do the programming study for a new community center. She wants to meet with us on Tuesday to discuss programming needs.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Adjourn** – Asa motion to adjourn, Frank 2nd. All in favor 5-0-0.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.**