

**Wayland Recreation Commission  
Minutes  
November 8, 2011  
Recreation Meeting**

Present: Foster, Wright, Virzi, Meliones, Gayshan, McShea

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

Meliones motion to accept bills and payroll. Second Wright. Vote unanimous in favor.

7:05 public comment - None

Budget update at request of Virzi. McShea went over operating budget, \$306,942 requested for salaries for FY13, to come out of the general budget. \$460,000 to be requested out of the revolving budget to operate all programs in FY13.

McShea went over capital breakdown and talked of fields and beach improvements. Virzi still concerned over how the \$125,000 is being spent in the capital budget. Need better accounting; are we getting what we pay for? How do we know? He spoke with Steve Correia would like more accurate accounting of where money goes and why. Wright- has DPW met with Nancy to go over what would be done with the money? Know of ditch witch, irrigation at Riverview, well for irrigation at Middle School. Concern that we are paying to install well and then the money that is saved would go back to the schools. If the schools save money shouldn't they be paying for the installation of the well?

Discussion on communication between DPW and Recreation Dept. Meliones/Foster meeting should be happening between DPW and recreation biweekly and department wide meetings. Pressure BOS to have these meetings. Wright Virzi could talk to Steve Correia about the issue and push that way. Meliones - upset that no one notified about Valerie's dad passing away and about John Turchinitz wife passing away.

Virzi so basically three issues: What is getting done? Foster regular meeting between DPW and Recreation every two weeks. And why not having town wide department monthly meetings? General lack of communication on town issues?

Board insists that McShea meet with Ouellette on a regular basis. Foster motion to request bi-weekly meetings between recreation director and DPW director. Second Gayshan. Discussion Wright - Amend to add regularly scheduled meetings so if any commissioner wished to attend they would know when the meetings were scheduled to happen. Make them predictable. Second on amendment - Virzi. Vote unanimous in favor of amendment. Vote on original motion unanimous in favor.

Virzi second issue monthly departmental meetings. Ask other boards to join in on the request. Gayshan motion to author a letter to ask BOS to convene monthly department head meetings led by the town administrator and ask other boards to vote and sign on to this letter. Second Foster. Virzi, should this be two motions? No. Wright wonders if using a letter is the best way to start? Should

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it be asked at public comment first? Virzi - Andy Irwin and he met, usually Andy does not know about issues until too late; too bad that people don't communicate with each other. Virzi sense is it's across the board, the dysfunction. Foster all we are doing is requesting that they improve communication with people who work in this building. Vote unanimous in favor.

Wright Update on middle school. Tighe and Bond made some progress. Meeting Wednesday at 11 to discuss. Virzi, Wright and McShea will be there. Virzi - Steve Correia was helpful on this middle school project, Dudley Woods and Gale field study as they were stalled. He lit a fire to get results to start coming in. Virzi- Steve has interested in getting this done.

Gale Field Study update - confusing email. Will follow up again and find out where they are at. Virzi will keep pushing Middle School project and Field Master Plan project.

Wright update on Dudley Woods - getting into decision making process of what being done on the site. Potential interest from Wright was to do nothing or develop a trail through the site. Put ideas out there. Meliones walked site with Wright. Any thoughts please share with Wright so he can get them on the table. Options presented thus far include: 1. Do nothing. 2. Nature trail/ some limited parking. 3. Some affordable housing. 4. Fitness stations. 5. Septic system arrangement for neighbors to tie into. Virzi would like to see more public access to the pond. DPW owns point (Wright).

Gayshan read letter he drafter to the BOS.  
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Dear Members of the Board of Selectmen,

At our meeting on November 8, 2011, the members of the Recreation Commission voted 5-0 to encourage the Board of Selectmen to initiate scheduled monthly meetings between department heads, to be led by the Town Administrator.

We believe that this will improve communication between various boards and committees in the town of Wayland. Monthly meetings will allow for interaction between department heads and will eliminate many sources of friction between staff, citizens of the Town, and members of town boards. We hope that this initiative will create a positive atmosphere in the Wayland Town Building and encourage cooperation and collaboration between departments.

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Furthermore, we encourage other boards and commissions to support our request with a vote at your next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Recreation Commission

Prioritized list of field renovations/upgrades. Virzi now that we are in the new fiscal year, July 1<sup>st</sup>, we need to prepare list of what we would like to see happen on the fields and share with Don. Meliones offers to cherry pick the list and send to McShea. McShea will comment and gather feedback and present to Don Ouellette and report back to commission on status.

Wish list of recreation space we would like (indoor or out). Virzi get from Gale a report of the spaces available and what they could do with those spaces. Falls to us to decide what our prioritized list of what we feel we need. Additional artificial field space at the high school is an example. Wright - ask Gale what about indoor space. Virzi enrollment figures and what we see and what we'd like to see should be considered. Foster, we need to wait to see what the priority list if from Gale is first, like we did with the fields.

New Business - Wright DPW has been doing a good job with making field closure calls. Decisions need to be out by 1:00. McShea told commission about Valerie's father passing. Also about JoAnn Kiburz last day is November 28<sup>th</sup>, she is retiring. McShea to share new job set up after BOS in each town approve.

Next meeting Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm.

Virzi motion to adjourn, second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:35pm.