

**Wayland Recreation Commission
Minutes
September 13, 2011
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Present: Foster, Meliones, Virzi, McShea

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm.

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

Virzi motion to postpone approval of minutes dated August 1, 2011 to next meeting. Second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor.

Public Comment - Bernie Grubstein - 19 Joyce Road - did we look into using the old landfill on Route 20? Virzi replied that he would give update later in the meeting.

Update on the Middle School Fields - not much new to report. Tighe and Bond to set up meeting with commission. Unsure of the date of this meeting. Virzi to follow up with Fred Turkington on this. McShea to check on date. Wright not present to give update.

Update on Feasibility Study on other uses and sites in town. Virzi updated commission that Gale Associates has been contracted to do this work. They will complete a site evaluation for each parcel listed below. The town surveyor will be providing Gale with existing conditions reports on each of these facilities to begin this process. Gale Associates will then meet with the Recreation Commission and discuss possible layouts at each site. Each site will be evaluated for the potential for indoor recreation facility to include, conceptually, indoor ice skating rink, indoor fields, dance space, gym space and outdoor playing fields. The final output will be a single Master Use Field Study Plan that encompasses town fields, school fields and these seven new parcels. The 7 parcels identified are: 1. Nike site on Oxbow Road. 2. School controlled parcel on Holiday Road. 3. Board of Selectmen controlled parcel off Old Connecticut Path. 4. Loker Conservation and Recreation area. 5. Septage facility and town-owned land west of driveway entrance to the transfer station. 6. Former landfill on the other side of Rte. 20. 7. Current highway garage site on Main Street.

Virzi attempted to reach Andy Irwin of the conservation commission but has not been able to find contact information for me. Virzi tried to contact Brian Monahan but not success. McShea will follow up and get an email address for Andy and pass along to Bob.

Update on Beach House- McShea gave a financial update. It appears that the beach made \$21,000 this summer, final numbers almost done being entered. John Moynihan is awaiting a landscape plan from a landscape architect then he will be putting the bid out to the central registry. The beach house has a few more

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items to be removed before demolition can take place. McShea is working on improving the beach volleyball, horseshoe area and shuffle board area and hopes to update the basketball 1/2 court as well if funds permit. Time line is still scheduled for work to be all completed by the May opening of the beach.

Preparation for joint DPW meeting. Meliones asked Virzi if we would rather hold the meeting when he can attend. Virzi highlighted areas that he felt needed to be talked about at the meeting: 1. Update on the beach house. 2. Update on Hannah Williams Playground. Also he felt it was more of an informational meeting open to discuss any issues. Foster and Meliones said they would attend the meeting and Virzi said that he would send a reminder out to Wright and Gayshan about attendance at the meeting as well.

New Business:

Virzi brought up the State of the Town meeting which will be held on October 19, 2011 at 7pm in the Town Building Large Hearing Room. The purpose of the State of the Town meeting is Capital Projects and Community Priorities. McShea explained that the format will feature brief, prepared remarks from boards and department directors expected to sponsor major capital building projects in the next 3-10 years. These projects include: Library and senior/community center at the Town Center municipal pad; replacement DPW maintenance facility; and construction of multi-purpose athletic fields throughout town. After an overview of the projects and a presentation by the Finance Committee on the status of the town's existing debt repayment schedule and potential tax impact of the proposed projects, citizens will break into small discussion groups to discuss their priorities with Selectmen and other town officials facilitating the discussions. Each of the small groups will report to the meeting with a summary of the thoughts expressed. For background, see the Town's FY2012 capital budget and the Finance Committee's December 2010 capital and debt presentation available on the Town website.

Virzi will reach out to Fred Turkington to define the role of the commission at this meeting.

McShea let Commission know that most weeks she will be working in Wayland on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Sudbury on Mondays and Thursdays. Fridays has become the new split day as she is participating the in the MMA/Suffolk University Certificate in Local Government Leadership and Management program.

Virzi told commission that he spoke to some folks from the pool who were concerned that the recreation commission was hostile to the pool and wanted to know why we were not running programs there. Virzi feels we have done nothing to alienate these folks. Meliones spoke to two issues that have made operating the pool difficult this summer. 1. Is the construction at the high school meant many times residents just couldn't get to the pool. 2. They have no place to

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park or limited parking which makes it very difficult. McShea explained the cost of running program at the pool. To run a program would cost \$30 per hour per lane plus the cost of the instructor and then our 20% on top of that. This makes running a class like swim lessons ect cost prohibitive for our department. We did use the pool this summer for the free swim portion of our Summer Adventure program.

Meliones spoke about an article that talked about putting ice rinks on ball fields. Linda Segel pointed out that Loker had water available at the site.

Foster motion to adjourn, second Virzi. Vote unanimous in favor. Next meeting to be held on September 26th at 7pm with the DPW. Next regular commission meeting will be held on October 4th at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.