

**Wayland Recreation Commission
Minutes
March 12, 2012
Recreation Meeting**

Present: Wright, Foster, Gayshan, Virzi, McShea

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Foster motion to accept minutes of February 7, 2012 and payroll. Second Wright. Vote 3 in favor, Gayshan abstain.

Public Comment:

Tanya Largy - did Brud and Bob receive her email. Bob, yes.

Mike Hill - Orchard Lane - oppose building on street, applaud effort and the Gale report. Concern over proposed fields.

Virzi- Gale report was done up without input from town. Now we are in the process of amending it to come up with a final 10 year master plan for the town.

Hill - 15 years played and coached, all fields were lousy. Would like to help you push fields forward? Let's fix what we have, improve maintenance prior to building new facilities.

John Bauer- 18 Holiday Road - concerned over discussion of plan to build fields on quiet dead end residential road. Traffic to increase tenfold, need better maintenance and better geography. When coached received complaints from South to North over route 20. Want to express concern over the planning process.

Mike Hill - how does one decide who get fields? All Wayland or how prioritized? McShea directed Hill to website.

Perry and Ursula Smoot - we agree with Mr. Hill.

Wright - plan was and is you will receive notice from us if we plan to discuss field you abut. Points well taken. Expanding fields due to overuse based on current use either cut back demand or improve use capacity.

Judy Osgood - 19 Holiday Road - Are you looking at the aquifer?

Foster - would like to reiterate what Wright said. All aware of what we are considering doing. Need to know what proposing - won't push forward without input from neighbors. Want folks to express their concern and opinions Critical to have enough fields to support needs and use.

Wright - rotate fields and improve. Meet current demand and needs.

Gayshan - issue over time, 7 years on board increase in adult athletics, more pressure on the fields. Natural methods to maintain, tricky. Want people to be

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athletic and active and provide opportunities all around town. Open to comments whenever possible, act accordingly and take your suggestions seriously.

Foster - end of day you determine what happens. Community votes yes or no, not us. If towns people don't want it, it will get voted down.

John Bauer - Holiday Road - don't disagree see needs for fields. Would like to work with you on these maintenance initiatives.

Perry Smoot - concerned over increased traffic in the area.

Wright - passed out Recreation Commission's Authority draft, enter into public record. Discussion about discrepancy between old setup for recreation commission and recreation director and new structure with recreation commission, recreation director and town administrator. Oversight on town administrative issues - direction solely under recreation commission. This is what I perceive to be what the town intended. Explained rationale over 25 year agreement, instead of yearly agreement. Should be in full control of budget. Recreation Commission should make all decisions about facilities and what happens there. Wants 125k to be in our control to determine what happens where - our priority. Know what priority is about and where it goes. Wright to tweak document for next meeting. Put Wrights letter on next agenda.

Foster - I agree. Sounds like Fred is open to issues and looking at them.

Virzi- idea to meet with Fred and BOS/DPW was over governance issues. Budget/staffing - high level stuff then details will be worked out.

Wright - 25k is throw away item, if not doing work it becomes evident.

Virzi - for meeting - talk through memo.

Gayshan - fundamentally a few questions:

1. Staffing between us and Sudbury. Right result irrelevant because we were not consulted prior to decision being made. Powers used without recreation commission being consulted. Would like to see acknowledgement that things happened so don't happen again. Argument over plain language of the law. In charge of staff - means in charge of staff.
2. Money issue - command and control. Who controls who, is expert at making those decisions. Line bad split. Nature of what happened is so lopsided. Recreation Director with town administrator in consultation. Staff is entirely under our control. Discussion about bylaw. Agreement is nul and void if not signed by the commission.

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Wright - I think we can sign on after the fact. Need just a meeting with BOS not BOS and DPW.

Virzi - legal document drafted poorly and incomplete with contradictions. Go back and fix bylaw to what we think it should be. Just poorly done.

Gayshan - agree poorly done. He who drafted it so poorly would be ill equipped to fix it. Need to develop statement of principles. Do we want to draw a line in the sand?

Wright - principle for me is that Nancy works for the commission. We have sole authority to hire and fire recreation director and staff.

Virzi - to summarize we have 3 big things/issues:

1. Who controls staffing?
2. Capital budget, maintenance budget, need input and accountability back.
3. Accounting for 2 people we pay for in park staff. Staff includes Nancy and the entire recreation department.

Virzi - Loker funding - agreed to put 3 60' diamonds at Loker. Asa and I met with CPC. CPC thought it was a great idea and appropriate for funding but needs a more solid plan. Jerry says he needs 3 sealed bids. Fin. com. Was positive toward the project. We got an estimate from Gale of 70k for design costs. Walked the site with Brian Monahan from Cons. Com. - he did not see any real issues. 3 fields reasonable, willing to talk with cons. Com. Brian said we could do up a plan in house. Fred was all for that. Plan drawn up inhouse - not detailed enough. Not enough detail to get a bid from anyone. Option 1 - 70k funding to build this how soon? From fin. com. Option 2 - go back to CPC with plan.

Foster - Jerry wanted specific number.

Virzi - not this town meeting - next town meeting. CPC design money then subsequent town meeting for construction money.

8:15 pm adjourn to attend BOS/DPW meeting.

Meeting reconvened at 9:44 pm. Items tabled to next meeting. Discussion about BOS/DPW meeting.

Foster motion to adjourn. Second Gayshan. Vote unanimous in favor.

Next meeting April 3, 2012, 7pm town building.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

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