

**Wayland Recreation Commission
Minutes
April 3, 2012
Recreation Meeting**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Foster motion to approve bills and payroll as submitted. Second Virzi. Vote unanimous in favor.

Minutes from March 12, 2012 not voted, tabled to next meeting.

Public Comment:

Bill Hearne - if and when will the recent site plans from Tighe & Bond on alternative sites be posted? Virzi the plans from Gale have been on the website for months.

Kim Cook - Lincoln Road = Article 27 ATM warrant. Disposal of town owned property at 26 Lakeshore Drive. One parcel donated in 1955 by Dorothy Temple and 1977 by Mary Louise Waites. Proposed at ATM in 2011 was defeated. Town Counsel came and hurried the vote to dispose of the land before town meeting. Vote on March 21, 2011 vote was not defeated. Ask you to rescind vote of March 21, 2011 to this vote. Not much town owned land on Dudley Pond want to have it revisited before town meeting. No appraisal on property. Land shown is subject to MGL Chapter 36 16B. Should be looked at better. Did town counsel tell you that you could put a permit restriction on the land? All lots could be consolidated and a much bigger structure built. Town Administrator is proposing to sell for \$1.50sqft, about \$12,500. Why is that in the best interest of the town. Over 2500 sqft needs to be put to bid and hearing. Boards all too often being muscled by Town Administrator. Let towns people be heard and rescind this vote.

Bill Hearne= dismayed by statements made at various public meetings by Mr. Wright about the recreation commission position to build active field space. Retain control to prevent use of public housing denying the right for the Dudley Pond Association to pursue affordable housing.

Allen Palevsky - Doran Road - Dudley Pond Advisory Committee member. Wright took into account charettes held with neighbors. 100+ people at the charette and they were overwhelmingly against affordable housing. Wright is influenced by the recreation commission and other input. Dudley Pond Association is in favor of Wrights position.

Virzi - request by Kim Cook will come up under new business at 9:20 is anyone wants to make a motion at that time.

Jay Sherry - include handout entered into public comment. Sponsor of ATM warrant article 6 to roll back CPA tax. Have opportunity to recapture some value in CP fund which stands at 7.4 million dollars. If can't recapture the funds then turn

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down the spigot to slow down the funds going into the fund. Currently about 1 million dollars per year.

Meliones - hear you loud and clear. Don't want to see reduction because CPA is not just about open space - a few town meeting votes to put pockets of money away for open space purchases. Described current process and waiting for new legislation to pass important to recreation.

Sherry- CPC slow ramp and slow start up. Last year raised \$900,000 in all sources, we spent only \$70,000. Year before we raised more spent less. Taxes are on autopilot and spending doesn't match.

Virzi - the law has not been very clear as to what the money can be spent on.

Sherry - Mainstone - prudent fiscal is to be agnostic until we have a deal to pursue. Have been in discussion for 11 years. Done appraisal 16 million, conservation restriction 10 million, seller says 20 million. Once money goes in it is up to a judge or state as to how it can be spent.

Meliones - it is in the hands of Dev Hamlin; heard he's back at the table.

Sherry - if we had more flexibility I'd be more for it. It is like a funky frequent flyer program. Points only redeemed for open space and affordable housing. Do you want to keep buying points that you're not using?

Virzi - would like to vote on petitioner's article. Do others feel we should take a position?

Gayshan - with state having conversation without knowing what state outcome will be. People are moving to try to fix some of the issues. Not comfortable taking on a position either way. Would like to review in 12 months depending on how or if mechanics of CPC funding has or has not changed.

Wright - If town meeting was not coming up then no position would be ok. But with town meeting coming up prefer to stay with the status quo. Current system would benefit us as it stands now. If this article came up after clarification of use of money we would relook at the petition.

Foster - when at CPC meeting they spoke on Loker and were in open to providing funds for that.

Wright - CPC only funding source for fields right now. Not huge savings if deferred for a year. Don't see as a lot of money. Start to release for our projects then will be grateful that the funds are there.

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Foster - if a deal is struck with Mainstone then this would significantly deplete available funds which would impact us on our programs.

Virzi - motion to oppose petitioner's article #6 to reduce CPA funding. Second Meliones. Discussion - Virzi - feel it is premature to do the cut and the ability to fund other things in the pipeline, highly unlikely to reinstate it. If situation changes to more plausible surplus at that point would be a benefit. Foster agrees with Virzi - very little likelihood that we will get money at town meeting to expand recreation fields. Might get some but not at level needed. Significantly higher to get money through CPA than capital budget. Vote unanimous in favor.

Drew Backman - Troop 1 Cochituate Life Scout. Sign post kiosk project at Hannah Williams playground. Showed plans to be entered into public record. Triangular sign - 6 surfaces for posting on left of walkway. Need approval. On one side would talk about the history of the Hannah Williams Playground and a plaque. On the second side would be first aid information and the third side would be for public postings.

Meliones - needs a roof.

Wright - does this work towards Eagle Scout? Gives you Eagle Scout credit?

Backman - Yes, I will direct kids within group or town.

Foster - how long will it take and when do you plan to do it.

Backman- late spring or early summer.

Gayshan - motion to approve kiosk proposal and permission to build smaller size. Wright Second. Discussion - Meliones 4'x4'x4' 8'high. Virzi work closely with Don to fit with architectural materials and size for the site. Vote unanimous in favor.

Anil Chitkara and John Boyle presented Ball Wall. Looking for approval to build ball wall, approval for location at high school and approve \$1000. Small groups use as station work. Use for kids to be able to practice skills.

Virzi - will ball bouncing off the wall interrupt the tennis players? What is the life expectancy of this?

Anil - it is made out of pressure treated wood. Striking surface thickness of 2 x 4 with potential plywood over that. Should last about 15 years.

Gayshan - what about wind load?

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Anil - good point, will get civil engineer to stamp final plan.

Gayshan - would like to see the stamped plan as a final approval.

Wright - you should contact soccer and have them kick in funds too. Soccer and lacrosse should work together on this.

Foster - how would you propose dividing use on the wall?

Anil - kids would likely just go and use it. Groups would share usage.

McShea - not in favor of scheduling use, let leagues work it out together.

Gayshan - motion to approve preliminary approval for construction of ball wall and location at the high school and up to \$1000 as approved at Town Meeting. To bring stamped plans back to the commission. Foster Second. Vote unanimous in favor.

Master plan - new fields.

Wright - have had lots of neighborhood discussion with groups. How did we come across land that we didn't originally study?

Virzi - at time only had school and recreation land. Looked at options and asked for money for Greenways. BOS asked us to look at holistic view including hockey at Loker.

Wright - Fred Turkington looks at everything. Told neighbors would start looking at land in their neighborhood if they brought up issues. Should have looked at land from the beginning. Looks strange that BOS suddenly looking at other parcels. Make sure everything is transparent.

Virzi - regardless of these accusations we are not considering land from a punitive process, just from a good site or not.

Foster - reality is at the end of the day town meeting votes this.

Virzi - Loker site pursue 3 60' diamonds. Need CPC funding and design. Next step then CPC funding of the fields. Special town meeting in fall and spring town meeting construction. Still need 2 multiuse and 1 90' diamond.

Gayshan- what about the DPW site?

Virzi - site may or may not be ideal.

Discussion about potential field at DPW. Ideal site for turf field.

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Bill Hearne - engineering report said that the dump is not under the building, could level the building and still have old dump area uncapped. Currently under parking lot eastern edge and extends to the northwest maybe to the access road. Think report was completed by Dresser, Camp and Magee.

Wright - when they take the building down they have to do something there. Site has to be made safe under DPW scenario. Middle school neighborhood impacted. Holiday Road not formally. Turf field with lights - added cost of artificial turf can be overcome with support of neighbors.

Virzi - also have the additional turf area at the high school.

Gayshan - stop presenting as single options. Next 4 fields why and location in town, our schedule and needs we need to address. Talk about whole plan.

1 artificial turf = 2 natural grass fields.

Wright - don't know if DPW garage will get built, think it will happen. Focus this in the mix. DPW garage more viable option potential for turf field would like this to be a high priority.

Virzi - maybe we should come up with a scoring system for each site. Increase in # of plays, turf, likes, plan could say as we see it development plan for Loker and perhaps beyond it and assessment on various parcels, attributes, funding etc and decide which to go with.

90' diamond options still seem to be either Holiday Road or Old Connecticut Path. Commission wants to schedule an open forum, maybe in June to invite folks in to hear about options and have a community discussion.

Gayshan - table final draft on Wright's letter, delay to next meeting.

McShea to send electronic copy of Wright's draft letter to the commission.

Public Comment -

Bill Hearne - land options discussion site considered. Would like to vent on how it was done- initial report examined sites that recreation and school controlled. Holiday Road omitted from study according to Town Administrator couldn't study due to any building on site. Alpine Field was same situation yet was developed by the town for athletic use. Will send you a list of other sites that you still haven't even considered.

John Dwyer - election results, Doug Leard and Ed Collins new selectmen. Wright and Gayshan re-elected.

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Kim Cook - asking you again to rescind your vote of March 21, 2011 regarding Lakeshore Drive. Asking commission to rescind vote. Follow the rules and give citizens due process. This was defeated at town meeting last year, not being listened to.

Wright - was opposed to this. Don't control land once we give it up.

Discussion of Kim Cook's request.

Gayshan - motion to recommend passing over the article at town meeting in order to allow recreation commission and other town boards and citizens to investigate disposition of the property. Second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor.

New Business

Virzi motion to accept short term capital list as priority list and as presented to DPW with ball wall added. Second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor.

McShea to share votes with Don Ouellette.

Meliones - June 2013 - June 2014. 375th anniversary of the town. Reaching out to recreation commission maybe do an old fashion men's and women's bathing suit fashion show. Battle of the bands. 1638-2013 time period. Canoe races? Look at ideas for our involvement with this.

Meliones - Happy Hollow PTO wanted to know why we took away the theater program.

McShea - explained that the instructor did not wish to teach anymore there because of low enrollment.

Foster - intermunicipal agreement should go on record as supporting or not supporting the agreement. If done through proper channels would be in support but basically we were bypassed by the BOS. If we don't issue a vote on it, it will happen again.

Meliones - I agree.

Gayshan - agreement is not legally sound. Could be a lawsuit and overturned by any taxpayer. Town liable for a lawsuit.

Discussion about BOS level of involvement. Not decision of Town Administrator or Human Resources to reduce the number of staff at will.

Gayshan- the agreement is null and void as drafted.

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Virzi - uncertainty as to how drafted. Objection to the process. Next level we don't think agreement is legal probably opens town up to more liability and don't feel comfortable enough to judge that.

Gayshan - didn't like way it happened wrong process regardless of whether outcome was right or wrong. In my opinion as an attorney this is not legal when someone decides to sue the town; the town will lose as Mark Lanza always does. Dangerous for us to pretend it's not there. Willing to negotiate similar agreement with Sudbury.

Wright - I would keep it simple. Don't get into like or don't like. Sick and tired of inappropriate behavior and actions on behalf of town officials. Reject the intermunicipal agreement because it violates statute for recreation because we were not consulted. Have to draw the line or it will continue to happen again and again.

Foster - move that the commission reject the 25 year intermunicipal agreement between Wayland and Sudbury Recreation Departments and the manner in which it was entered into. The manner in which it was entered into violates chapter 347 of the Act of 2008 section 8 paragraph c. Second Wright. Vote 4 in favor, Wright, Meliones, Foster, Gayshan, 1 vote opposed, Virzi. Motion passes.

Wright - Dudley Woods Advisory Committee

7.5 acres- do we do trails, affordable housing, water runoff, swales to reduce nutrient run off into ponds? Help pond fix nutrients from failing septic - water treatment system. Compelling reason or leave it alone. If affordable housing why there and not somewhere else? Don't know why land was given for what reason so can't reconcile usage not recreation based. Recreation stays recreation. Heads up on where committee is going.

We need to come up with a policy regarding our land and what criteria, if any, we will use to dispose of any of it.

Next meeting Wednesday May 9, 2012 at 7pm.

Wright motion to adjourn, second Gayshan. Vote unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 pm.