

Wayland Recreation Commission

Minutes

September 16, 2013

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

Meeting called to order: 7:03pm

Foster Motion to approve minutes, bills and payroll. Second Krasin vote unanimous in favor.

Public Comment: none

DPW Update: Krasin spoke with Ouellette to determine if any more projects in horse paddock. Only thing left is to clear trees between paddock and road and plant three new trees there. Foster under whose control does he have the ability to do this. Claypit is a scenic road and would need go in front of a town hearing with planning and DPW. Ouellette told Krasin that McShea has a document from 1967 that shows that recreation has control of the Paddock.

Don's goals Item #5 . Wright feels that there should be some input from recreation on the process of hiring the town administrator. Wright commissions and boards overrun by BOS and town administrator. Need to have recreation involved.

#6 assess the impact of any capital plan on staff and workload. Look at maybe how we sub this out or whether DPW needs more staff. Wright still waiting to find out the cost of doing field maintenance right now. Wright will contact Don Ouellette ect. Krasin you should have 80 hours plus per week for recreation during the year what do we get for those 80 hours. Wright no one is held accountable, no standard to address how or if they are doing their job.

Foster Frank you said you were going to ask Town Council to determine who has jurisdiction on the paddock. Nothing on this.

Develop a policy statement regarding declaration of recreation land as surplus:

Wright: Recreation Policy

Recreation policy statement:

The Recreation commission sets forth the following policy as it relates to land under the care, custody, and jurisdiction, of the Recreation Commission for the town of Wayland.

All land under the care, custody, and Jurisdiction of the Recreation Commission for the town of Wayland shall remain under their control as provided by state statute. It is the policy of the Recreation Commission to never declare land under their jurisdiction surplus unless doing so serves the best interest of the Recreation Department and their users for both passive and or active recreation for the Town of Wayland.

An example of this might be to declare land surplus to allow the Board of Selectman to enter into a long-term lease for private development of recreation facilities on town owned land. In such cases the Recreation Commission shall before declaring land surplus receive assurances that said land will be used only for those purposes the land was made available for by the Recreation Commission. Said land shall revert back to the Recreation Commission should that development not materialize or become obsolete.

Discussion regarding when you might declare surplus and for what reasons, only related to benefitting recreation use.

Gayshan simple is better. Simple-

Gayshan moves that It is the policy of the recreation commission that recreation land held by the recreation commission shall be used and held for recreation purposes only. Second Foster vote unanimous in favor.

Foster who determines safety policy for things such as lightening and such. Wright maybe have each group present their safety policy to us.

Determine date for user group meeting in October and agenda items to be discussed:

Print out report for Commission . Notify users that we are meeting on October 21st at 7:30 pm

Safety policy for field usage during natural emergencies, evacuations of fields etc. contact info. Cell phones first aid kits. Evacuation procedures.

Wright and McShea to determine agenda for the meeting.

Update on public question about horse paddock:

Submit into public record letter from Alice Boelter dated September 9, 2013. Three questions 1. McShea stated that she is unclear if any delay occurred or not. 2. Randi Hills didn't know they were making a new paddock. Fences where unsafe, fences could fall over. Fencing was done and she thought it was wonderful. Approached Mike Lindeman about the surfacing when they redid Plain Road put all the metacatum on the surface of the rink, so under the rink was extremely hard with a bit of dirt on top. Horse went down and she got hurt. Bad surface due to unsafe for horses and riders. Mike said couldn't do surfacing. Talked to Don and was told if they raised the money then they could do the work. Set up an account at the town @\$5000. Got donation of footing from an arena and put on top of the stone dust. DPW brought it back to the paddock. The footing is a mixture of sand and green shavings. Foster was metcatum removed. Hills said no the loam was removed, stone dust added, and then the footing put on. Foster is there a drainage problem. Hills some areas because it is down in a hole. DPW

tried to level whole area. Stone dust is firm enough that even if you have water on there it is firm underneath the footing.

Meliones this has been used for years then. Hills yes started by Phyllis Cox. Many years ago. Used to be used for 4H horse shows.

Krasin – where did the \$5000 go to. McShea given to treasurer. Frank was any maintenance given to upkeep the maintenance of the corral? Hills no. We plan to do that raking ourselves with a little York rake on a tractor. Krasin so DPW doesn't have to do any maintenance on the ring.

Meliones those trees are on the agenda to be removed. Krasin Ouellette told him that horses get scared if they can't hear where the noise is coming from. Hills not for a hearing issue but perhaps from an aesthetic issue.

Randi Hills has not given lessons for pay on the paddock since it has been repaired.

3. McShea answer is no there is no control in place to preclude another "paddock affair" in the future.

Krasin how many people do you think use this. Hills I would say approximately 15 or so folks use this area.

Update on beach sand for Wayland Town Beach:

Krasin spoke to John Moynihan about beach sand. McShea gave spec to Moynihan. Won't put out a bid until about October for the pergola. Meliones this has gone on long enough, need to get it done, it is unacceptable.

Playground at Town Center?

New Business:

McShea brought up political activities at the touch a truck. Can we decide not to do it? Gayshan public property. Wright tell John S. don't want any political groups there can he run by legal counsel as to the legality of saying no to them versus other groups.

Mary Antes on 375th anniversary use of the parking lots. Bring up with user groups to weigh in. Wright should we support this. Support but need to know as soon as possible so we can let users know.

Wright tell BOS that would like to convey that land at Dudley Pond should stay as recreation. BOS preference to develop for passive recreation only.

Foster – golfer on Art King field.

Meliones –cpc moving forward to purchase land on Lincoln Road. 2.4 million.

Public Comment:

Next meeting and adjournment: October 21st at 7:00pm Wright motion to adjourn. Second Meliones vote unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.