

Wayland Recreation Commission

Minutes

July 29, 2013

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

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

Wright move agenda to present soccer first.

WAYS soccer - Alexa Obar 18 Dean Road - Following up to response sent back to WAYS from Brud Wright. Wright on WAYS soccer board and on the Recreation Commission. Soccer has issues with performance of field openings and such. Asked to meet with DPW BOS and Recreation. Wright suggested going through Recreation first. Wright met with McShea, Oullette, Turkington and Lowry about issues related to DPW. Shared list to Recreation about issues and concerns. Fred answered that Commission needs to hear what the WAYS concerns are.

Obar – basically concern lack of communication between recreation, DPW and soccer. Getting things done in a timely manner and we are stuck in the middle. Starting on time, we don't set the start date, BAYS did. several weeks before fields were open not lined and not set up. Better system of when things are expected, timeline on when things are done. Were told building a playground. Nets should have been up. once snow is gone should not be a 7 week process to be all set. Issues dealt with immediately, not happening. Double booked field. Notification for field openings and closings. List is an issue, antiquated list not current users.

Reed Newton 9 Haven Lane – field readiness. Wright and Oullette and Lowery talked about what needs to happen and when, takes about 3 weeks for this to happen. Obar should mow and line every Thursday and Friday.

Wright meet with McShea and walk fields and someone from WAYS to see what was open and make sure it is easy. Meliones not the responsibility of McShea to walk the fields anymore. Wright to Foster and Krasin, frustration felt by WAYS was very intense.

Foster set out parameters on what needs to be done when. That way everyone is aware of what needs to be done when. No reason can't look at the schedule and say this is what we would like.

Obar-communication issue. who is inspecting the goals and nets? who is doing this every week? need someone to contact with immediate issue? need things fixed immediately?

Lowery – DPW doesn't open the fields all at the same time. What fields in what order and when they come online?

Meliones staffing the same as 5 years ago and fields needed are the same as 5 years ago.

Foster if look at overall fields and when to get ready can prioritize what can get ready when.

Meliones 5 years later and developed more frustration than we had 5 years ago. Still same amount of man power and supposedly with DPW all hands on deck and use everyone, cross train to get everything done. Don't have any more fields to line than we used to . 5 years into the DPW and more frustration is unacceptable.

Public Comment: Jackie Ducharme 44 Pond Drive. Thank Wright for active participation in DAAC, he was very articulate in the very many debates and discussions that took place. Was an observer of the 22 meetings that could be characterized as crueing debates. Dudley Woods over 100 voices wanted it open for passive recreaiton. Ask for support with working with BOS to open the 7.4 acres in Cochituate to open this space and want to collaborate with you to make this a reality.

Krasin – Power and authority to conduct recreation activities on park, recreaiton or playground land to be used for recreation purposes. Public Law

Tom Clem- Lakeview road transfer of land with stewardship of the land to be taken care of to clean up the waste that is left there. Encourage commission to supprot the transfer of land.

Mike Miller – 6 Cross st. Support idea that Recreation manage Rocky Point as well. Dudley Woods and Rocky Point nearly contiguous.

Bud Smith – 12 Mansion Road – DAAC board supports what is least invasive to Dudley Pond. In 2006 support recreaiton and combined septic.

Florance Zorigniotti 23 Dudley Road – feel that it is finally needs to be taken care of and given to recreation once and for all

Deb Poraratta- Pond Drive – 63% of the vote went to leaving it as open space when it was last voted at town meeting.

Ann Nowalli – Lake view Road – would like see it preserved that way for generations to come.

Linda Segal- Aquaduct Road- may want to talk with Conservation about using land for passive recreation.

Alan Palevsky – 23 Doran Road, DAAC member. Wayland Neighbors for Responsible Land Use (WN4RLU). Went over the hand out. (will email to post to public records) neutral as to whether Rocky Point go to Conservation or Recreation. Discussion on the recommended votes in the handout. Asking Recreaiton Commission to accept the parcels. Asking Recreaiton Commisison to vote to accept the land. Rocky Point is now owned by the Board of Public Works.

Meliones – what was your original charge? Recommendation for best uses for the property.

Wright – property needs some work but is a great parcel. Rocky Point is beautiful should make site accessible to members of the town. would not zone and plan the area now as we did then. this parcel

of 7.4 acres begs to be left alone or cleaned up with trails for people to use. land up for grab for many years. neighbors want to get this settled once and for all. if it all goes to recreation then nothing could happen on this site. Wright makes sense that it would all go to recreation. how does recreation commission reconcile affordable housing.

Krasin – 73% of affordable housing is in the Cochituate area according to Doug Leard.

Wright not job of recreation commission to figure out affordable housing but rather to protect the recreation lands. think it is an easy decision to accept land as the recreation commission. and put some parking in and some trail that Don Oulette indicated could be done inhouse. Recreation right stewards to this. My hope take a vote tonight or not and advocate to protect this land for the town.

Meliones – this map would bring you just about all the way to West Plain virtually combined with trail system over there.

Wright- middle school across way could potentially use this space for classes and such.

Foster – cost to make trail system 60,000-100,000. would need to get this money through CPC or some other source to develop trails.

Alan had those in attendance raise their hand if they were in support of this project. and almost unanimous audience was here for this discussion and in favor around 25 people.

Krasin makes a motion for the Recreation Commission to accept parcels 47A-037D, 47B-055G, 47B-055F, 47B-055E, 47B-055D, 47B-055C, 47B-055B, 47B-055A, 47A-026, 47B-056G, 47B-056D, 47B-056B, 47A-027A, 47C-002, 47C-001 currently under the control of the Board of Selectmen and parcel 47C-006 currently under control of the Board of Public Works if any or all of these parcels are conveyed by the Board of Selectmen and The Board of Public Works to the Recreation Commission and voted by Town Meeting vote. Second Foster. Vote Unanimous in favor. motion carries.

Discussion about repainting the high school basketball outdoor court and benches.

Krasin – what are the two recreation people doing during the winter months? McShea, don't know what they are doing.

Wright – meeting to coordinate field maintenance issues with dollar figures.

Correria – was to begin as of July 1st. Don't know if Brian new finance guy is working on it or not? will find out.

Talk about work request forms. when filled in and when want finished. accountability.

Meliones – Nothing changes at the beach same things need to be done each year.

McShea – frustration on getting stuff done.

Meliones- Fred should have control over Don and should make him do his job.

Foster – form to work now and what needs to be done when.

Lowery – what is wrong with the paper form. Doesn't stack up and needs an electronic form.

Wright – maintaining the fields, how got Nancy's email list should be modified. Once constant factor would be Fred, boards come and go. Communication with opening the fields. Fields open but if predicted heavy rains then fields will be closed. Even though fields may not need to be closed. Don't close or open the fields.

Gayshan – paper system is better than nothing. Not getting the outcome we need or the data we need. Value of system may be tracking whether or not things get done. I don't know if Don has actually ever used an online work task system. some systems can be utilized for free, when initiated, when responded to, when response time and when completed. and then could see what work could be done SeeClickFix Citizens connect. Not our job to tell Don how to execute the daily task. Nancy coordinate with other department heads. DPW board decision for how to make this work. Town wants to know the performance of each department.

Correria – customer response tool how quickly responding and meeting the needs of the whole town and everyone that we service.

Wright as an action item could the DPW take this up. Lowery will work with Gayshan to come up with a program that works for both of the departments. continue to use paper system for now.

DPW performance – Wright – continuously Turkington focuses in and out on the opening and closing of fields. Everytime I bring this up it becomes a bone of contention.

Obar – issue is closing the fields on Friday for the entire weekend.

Wright – we sat and dealt with this 4 years ago and we had resolved the opening and closing issues. this does not need to be about trying to analyze things in advance. if a field is playable in the spring then we need to be ready. date is not the issue the process is the issue so we can look in the spring and say it is going to take 3 weeks and they should be able to look ahead and begin work on the fields. Get information from Don and Mike as to what needs to be done.

Lowery – project plan, tasks should be identified and doesn't change from year to year.

Krasin – we are supporting 2 full time DPW employees plus benefits, 16 hours per day every day. Expect that work to be done as 16 hours per day every day.

Correria – customer problems all the way down to the users.

Obar- we used to do the nets and the goals, now you do the nets and goals. No one is checking the nets and the goals. Who's job is that? is it recorded somewhere? who is checking them? who is checking for safety issues?

Lowery – need to submit to the Don and Mike to see what we want done on the fields.

Meliones we haven't added new things in town. How come it has worked for all these years without the amount of complaints we are having?

McShea – would need to know what they are doing on the fields already. Then I can add what else we would like to have checked on the system.

Lowery- financial systems that need to be checked.

Obar- fees, how they are charged? Pay same amount for kindergarten kids the same that we pay for the 11 v 11 kids. organizations might have same issue.

Wright- financial data should assess who should be paying what would take more detailed study.

McShea – also commented that the financials on what we take in for fields is always available in my office.

next meeting August 20th 7pm.

Public Comment – Lowery- Rocky Point should be in the hands of conservation. would like to see this thing get done and feel that putting Rocky Point into Recreation would open up Pandora's box and would potentially stop this from happening.

Krasin – why stay in conservation. Lowery would always stay in conservation could not be put into another use?

Wright- don't necessarily agree but think we could put hte same restrictions there for recreation.

Meliones – conservation would not be bad.

Correria- BOS would like to remind everyone to post minutes accurately. Town Meeting will be November 20th.

Wright – think about for next agenda. Master Plan how do we want to approach do we want to put into one package.

Foster motion to accept minutes, bills and payroll as presented. Second Krasin. all in favor yes unanimous vote.

McShea update on beach

Wright move to adjourn second Krasin. Vote unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:20pm.