

**Wayland Recreation Department
Draft Minutes
June 15, 2015
Recreation Meeting**

Present: Brud Wright, Frank Krasin, Heidi Seaborg, Asa Foster, Anna Meliones (arrived at 7:30pm), Jessica Brodie

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm – taped by WayCam

Brud called the meeting to Order.

Public Comment:

No one present to comment.

Approval of previous Meeting Minutes & Bills & Payroll:

June 1st minutes – Heidi motion to approve, Asa second. All in favor. 0-0-4.

Bills & Payroll – Frank reviewed. Asa motion to approve. Frank second. All in favor. 0-0-4

Appoint commission member to serve on Rail Trail Committee

- Commission member needs to represent Rail Trail Committee. Heidi volunteered. Asa motion to approve Heidi. Brud second. All in favor. 0-0-4.

Department Finances & Structure

Revolving Fund –

- Jess walked the commission through the Revolving Fund summaries that were provided to the commission.
- Brud expressed concerns about the analysis that has been with Jess and Nan, and how expenses should be allocated between departments and what each department is responsible for paying for.
- Brud is concerned that the Recreation Department is being steered in a direction that does not meet their needs, and that other boards are not listening to their concerns.
- Jess has met with Nan, Town Administrator, several times about the whole Revolving Fund discussion and they have discussed various ways to present the different financial models to Fin. Comm. Which would present all the financial details in a way that makes sense to everyone and presents the truth about what the Recreation Department can support.
- Anna – what is going to be the best model for our department? She feels this should be the first and foremost with discussions, but it is becoming a political battle of power instead of fact and common sense.
- Brud highlighted the notion that people in town are said to “want the recreation commission to be self supported”, but those opinions have not been proven or shown to the Recreation commission.
- Brud pointed out that the full time salaries used to be in the General Fund budget prior to Parks splitting from Recreation.
- Our department is really trying to get back to where we were staffing wise and ability wise to serve the public that we used to have.
- Jess further explained the three financial models that were presented and how the expenses and revenues were calculated and how they would be managed in each financial model.
- Jess explained information she obtained from Mark Abrahams about special legislative changes that may be taking place in the state during the next 2 yrs that would allow Recreation Departments a financial model that works more efficiently with higher spending caps as they need.
- Brud expressed concern about WHO in town is seeking our department to be self-sufficient.
- Jess explained that expenses the town charges to an Enterprise Fund could increase because we COULD be charged for hourly rates of DPW staff for maintenance on our properties, etc.
- Brud feels we need present an upfront idea of what our department needs (additional staff), and present that to the Finance committee.
- Anna suggested that Jess include a fourth model that highlights a General Fund budget for salaries, and a Revolving Fund 53 E ½ with Special Legislation with an increased spending cap.

- Nan is trying to work with Jess and Brian to present the facts to both boards so that then they can work out the problems with each model.
- Brud would like the Option 1 model to show the retained earnings and where those would be spent
- Jess mentioned an additional 5th option of having just an Enterprise Fund with a general fund salary offset to cover a portion of the salaries.
- If salaries are in the General Fund budget, then we should not be charged Indirect Costs.
- The commission feels we should present Option 1 to the Finance committee after all the discussion. With updated details and footnotes that support the numbers and list the concerns that are still not addressed. Asa agrees this is the model we should move forward with in presentations to BOS and Fin. Comm. Asa motion to approve moving forward with this model, Frank 2nd. All in favor. 0-0-5.

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Conservation Open Space & Recreation Plan

- Jess explained the importance of a Open Space and Recreation Plan, and the commission agrees it is a wise investment to spend the \$10,000 to contribute, along with conservation, to hire a consultant to update the plan. Heidi, motion to approve, Asa 2nd. All favor. 0-0-4.

Topics not reasonably anticipated

Raft at Beach – Concerns about safety and staffing levels to watch the dock are the main concerns. The commission would like to keep the same policy in place about the floating dock not being put back in the water, but stay open to feedback and concerns about this structure in the future.

School Committee – Frank read a section of the Chapter 347, the Acts of 2008 that split Recreation and Parks: “with the approval of the school committee, for school purposes”. Frank would like to know what this statement means.

- Brud is still concerned about Mark Lanza’s interpretation of who owns lands in town since the split
- Brud is also concerned, related to this, about who decides about finances and models.

Fall Town Meeting – in October, documents ready by September if presenting an article.

CPC Committee Rep – Anna has volunteered to resrepresent CPC. Brud motion, Asa 2nd. All in favor. 0-0-4.

Water Usage – Linda Segal, Brud & Jess met with Don from Water Dept. to discuss options of installing wells for irrigation, or tying into town water.

Painting of the containers – these should be done by the end of the year.

Public Comment:

- No one present to comment.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 25th for a regular meeting at 7:00pm. Invite our Selectmen representative to our next meeting to discuss finances and update him on our progress and thoughts on a few things.

Adjourn – Ana motion to adjourn, Frank 2nd. All in favor 0-0-5.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.