

**Wayland Recreation Department
Draft Minutes
January 25, 2016
Recreation Meeting**

Present: Brud Wright, Frank Krasin, Asa Foster, Heidi Seaborg, Jessica Brodie, Anna Meliones
Guests: Field users – sign in sheet provided

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm – taped by WayCam

Brud called the meeting to Order.

Public Comment:

- No comments

Discussion with Field Users and general public to discuss the following:

- **New Field Advisory Group – charge and potential new members**
 - Brud explained rapid developments in terms of field development projects to take place in the future and how this group of residents can help with these projects moving forward
 - Our goal is to reach out to users to make sure we are planning projects to meet the needs of field users
 - Help to develop a list of priorities and Capital Process
 - The political issues that come along with each project also need support from the group at other board meetings and Town Meeting
 - Brud explained the 53E ½ Revolving Fund and the current restrictions with the 1% Spending Cap
 - Brud explained the Stabilization Fund and how it would be created at Town Meeting and how field user fees collected the past few years and then be ear marked to spend it on specific projects if approved with 2/3 Vote at Town Meeting
 - Discussed the Library joint article to transfer the Old DPW site for a potential new Library and Artificial Turf Field
 - Maureen asked a question about the old DPW site and the space that would allow a library and a turf field to fit at the same site. Brud answered that those aspects would also be investigated during a future design phase
 - Brud explained the idea of prioritizing projects for the future to start as soon as this fall
 - Question about Turf Field Account and how much money is sitting in the account
 - Brud explained the beginning of the MOU and what that model would like to coordinate future projects
 - Residents commented on the Track conditions at the high school and the current conditions of that facility. The maintenance of the sand pits is in poor condition
 - Residents expressed clear concern that someone needs to be responsible for town assets
 - Jess touched on some of the aspects of the MOU and the process for identifying projects and moving them forward in the coming years

 - Brud explained the process for setting up the Advisory Group and how each organization should appoint a representative to attend the meetings to help drive recreation needs in the future
 - Asa, and Anna expressed the need for user faces to be present at meetings to help convey needs rather than just the Recreation Commission, because often those needs and messages can get lost
 - Chris asked questions about how these Spring town meeting articles relate to the one that happened in the Fall
 - Alexia asked who submitted the Special Legislation and if any support was shown for the bill that was filed. Residents suggest we touch
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- **Potential Future Capital Projects:**
 - Recreation Stabilization Fund -
 - Warrant Article with library for land transfer of 193 & 195 Main Street –

- Warrant Article for Turf Field Design at 193 & 195 Main Street -
- **Update on Recreation Budgeting model, Spring Town Meeting Articles, & Field Fees**

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting, If Any.

- Voting to change the wording of the Turf Field design Article so that it includes “field renovations” as well as not specifying a budgeted amount in the body of the article. New language provided by Jess.
- Discussion about the amount to transfer into the fund and amount to spend the funding on in Fy17
- Asa, motion to accept the revision of the Warrant Article for the ATM to spend up to \$300,0000 for Turf Field design and field renovation from the Recreation Stabilization Fund. Frank, 2nd. All in favor. 5-0-0.
- Brud and Jess to work on wording for

The Field Advisory Group will meet again on Monday, February 1st.

Public Comment:

- None

Next Meeting: Monday, February 16, 2016.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Recreation Commission adjourned this meeting and then attended the Warrant Article Hearing:

- Jess spoke to three of the Warrant Articles that pertain to Recreation:
 - Article FF – Establish 53D Recreation Revolving Fund for the Wayland Town Beach
 - No questions asked.
 - Article GG – Establish and Fund a Recreation Stabilization Fund
 - Questions relating to the amount to transfer into the account and the intent to create and potentially liquidate the account in the same fiscal year.
 - Thoughts on moving field user fees to the General Fund and creating Capital Projects instead
 - Article HH – Funding to Design a multi-purpose, rectangular, artificial turf field at 193 and 195 Main Street, also known as the former DPW site
 - Jess briefly explained some changes in the text for the article to also include “field renovations”
 - Questions of whether this changes scope of article, but was approved via email by Mark Lanza – need to re-confirm
 - Questions raised about spending design money on a parcel of land that may not be transferred, has environmental questions and concerns, and if a Library and field would fit on the same site
- After presenting and answering questions for the three articles, a brief discussion was had at the back of the room with two of the Library Trustee members to discuss the land transfer article of 193 & 195 Main Street, which Recreation was not present for during the Warrant Hearing
 - Discussion to re-gain clarity on how the land transfer process works and when it would actually happen if approved at Town Meeting
 - Thoughts on slightly re-vising our article to reflect an “initial” or “preliminary” design study to investigate the site concerns and layout concerns of whether a Library and Turf Field would even fit on the site. This approach would be less money and not a full design study, and is in line with what the Library would be investigating at the site as well

- Thoughts on potentially teaming up with the Library's consultant for this preliminary design phase and fund recreation's portion from Stabilization Funds if approved
- Jess to look into cost estimates from GALE for a preliminary study, as well as look into options for re-wording article with Nan and Mark Lanza
- Discussion concluded prior to completion of the Warrant Hearing.