

TOWN OF WAYLAND – RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:30pm | Wayland Town Building

Present: Frank Krasin, Anna Meliones; Brud Wright; Asa Foster, Heidi Seaborg
Katherine Brenna; Absent Jessica Brodie

Guests: Aida Gennis; 22 Wayland Hills Rd; Chairwoman of the Board of Library Trustees for the Wayland Free Public Library
Bud Smith; 12 Mansion Road; Abutter to Dudley Pond
Nancy Wind Vogel; 197 Lakeshore Drive. Abutter to Dudley Pond
Tad Joniec; 173 Lakeshore Dr. Abutter to Dudley Pond
Ronald, Michelle Kaufman; 5 Mansion Road. Abutter to Dudley Pond
Kathy Cleaver; 17 Adams Lane. WayDog co-founder
Dr. Max Weinmann; Michelle Cellai; 24 Alden Road, Dog Owner
Arlene Schuler; 9 King Street; Dog Owner
Martha Murphy; 10 George Street Dog Owner

7:00 pm – Recreation Commissioners Attend Finance Committee Special Fall Town Meeting Warrant Article Workshop.

7:30 PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Asa Foster called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bud Smith; 12 Mansion Road.

Lives right across from Dudley Pond – concerned about surveyor recently marking land; surveyor told Smith that a 36 boat storage rack would be installed. Smith served 20 years as president of DPA; understand that DPW supposed to move the boats by August 15. Provides photos of boats on shoreline of Dudley pond, and boats at storage rack at Town Beach. Concerned that if unable to maintain boat racks at Town Beach, won't be able to maintain the grassy area next to his home. Concerned that public road may be blocked by boat users. Currently 12 boats on shoreline; 9 or so have been there for over a year. Huge waste of public funds to build 36 capacity boats racks. Not adequate parking to support a 36 boat users.

Asa – not sure where the number 36 came from, Rec Com visited Dudley Pond with intent to clean abandoned boats on Town Property, imagined rack would be much smaller than 36.

Heidi – intention was to clean up the eye sore of the boats that line the shore line of Dudley Pond. It concerns DPW.

Nancy Wind Vogel; 197 Lakeshore Drive.

Lives across the road from the pond. Closest house to Mansion Beach. DPW came and replaced posts, but 3 white posts remain that haven't replaced. Surveyor told her that town ran out of money. Has lived there since 1996, 20 years—every winter hockey equipment left behind – winter, has no parking. Concerns about safety, children, parking haphazardly. Pond is open to everyone and people certainly use it.

Frank Krasin – we visited and entertained the idea of boat racks to solve the problem boats left on recreation land without permission, that was brought to us by Tim Lehrer and Mike Lowry; Dudley Pond Association.

Brud – agree; idea is to make the area cleaner, not bring more people to the area. Asked that guests ought to consider, respectfully, our concerns as owners of the shoreline to clean abandoned boats off the shoreline. Intent was to discretely put a few boats on a rack to serve the current high frequency users;

Nancy – most people carry in and carry out the boats.

Asa – As Rec Commission, met at Dudley Pond – went there, saw the area and are interested in helping the pond.

Heidi – we have same intent to clean up the shoreline.

If all tagged boats are still there. DPW needs to follow up.

Tad Joniec; 173 Lakeshore Dr

Lives near Dudley Pond; 40-50 years ago, lots of parking and partying on the road; 11pm – 12pm parties, urinating in back yards – liability involved.

Ronald Kaufman, Michelle Kaufman; 5 Mansion Road.

If you put a boat rack – users would have to drag over fence, over street, over another fence and then put it in water. Neighbors would hear dragging the boats, boats would block access to road. Suggests Chateau parking lot, as it was in the past.

Nancy – surveyor came unannounced to home; provides email between Nancy and Lowry.

Bud Smith – open to making it accessible to all, founders of the fun run.

Bud Smith presents letter from fellow abutter **Stephen Garone 179 Lakeshore Dr**, who was not present.

Frank suggests DPA work with Recreation to resolve issues.

Brud – if surveyors are misinformed or contacting abutters, maybe we need to do our due diligence to be mindful of neighbors.

Asa understands and hears that the boat rack is not wanted by the abutters present tonight.

Anna reiterates, DPW needs to move abandoned boats.

7:35 PM REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES - AUGUST

Anna motion to approve minutes, Frank 2nd. Discussion: None. All in favor 4-1-0.

Heidi Seaborg abstained as she wasn't at the meeting.

7:45 PM REVIEW OF BILLS AND PAYROLL FOR AUGUST

Frank motions to approve bills & payroll, Anna 2nd. Discussion: Frank comments that invoices directed to "Parks & Recreation" should not be paid. All in favor 5-0-0

7:55 PM FALL 2016 DEPARTMENT UPDATE & OTHER TOPICS

Touch A Truck – September 24th, 2016 – Commission is invited to attend, and looking for volunteers to sit in dunk tank.

New electricity meter at WW Crew House & Billing details – waiting on Pat Morris in Facilities. Frank says shouldn't be a problem according to simple arithmetic.

Watt = amp x voltage; wiring at Beach House max at 300amps; 120 volts; 36,000 watts or 36kw. Brud not confident as the kitchen has a lot of demand. Anna – concerned that

Facilities has many pending projects – slow to respond; have Rec call Asa. Commissioners are also Tax payers in town; Asa concerned as this was addressed in the August meeting.

Security Cameras – Capital Request FY 18 – part of 35k Capital Maintenance Money for cameras at Cochituate and Beach – also waiting on Pat Morris.

8:05 PM **EVENTS REQUIRING APPROVAL**

Soon, WCPA/Wayland Dads group interested in a 2017 Dad & Me Campout (following Weston's model)

Lacrosse interested in using Cochituate fields in Fall, to extend season.

Brud – according to the Gale Report – football provides most wear and tear on field; lacrosse is 2nd –

Frank – WYF just practices there; not games.

Asa – perfect example of in town use – field shortage, which a field at library could support.

Brud – referencing old Wayco example -- does a user have the right to hold a reservation into the future, because of the history of that reservation. Note that lacrosse not have priority at Cochituate because it's new? Has same right as WYF to the fields.

8:10 PM **LIBRARY PLANNING & DESIGN STUDY**

Aida Gennis, Chairwoman of the Board of Library Trustees for the Wayland Free Public Library – just went before BOS informing them of the status of design study that approved at town meeting; BOS up to date now; told them about Permanent Municipal Building Committee (PMBC) -- 5 individuals involved, running our study; not need to collaboration with Rec. to assess 2 sites ; decided to move forward with 195/207 Main Street; architect did further work, recommend again - PMBC voted on that/ BOS was informed architect held visioning sessions and meeting with community members. Now preliminary designs. Have done geotechnical studies as well. Goal is to avoid the dump; PMBC doesn't want to build a foundation in the area of the dump.

Frank asks if they are aware of our intent to have 8v8 field with 10 foot border. Looking for square field. A rectangular space wont' allow us to rotate the field.

Aida - Alf completed 11v11 field, too large, 8v8 with 10 foot border, fit; and 8v8 square field was presented. Aida shared diagram with architect square 100yard field would take up 2/3 of the site; on 195 parcel; OR rectangular 8v8 field (80x45). Aida, rotating field is new information.

Brud – rotation is needed to avoid wearing out goal mouths. Jessica had the dimensions. Also mentions school and recreation as stakeholders in parcel.

Aida - Possible to create a permeable parking surface for bus parking, parents traffic; and usable for fields. Need letter of intent for architects to continue work after the end of the month. Aida needs to get dimensions and contacts of Weston & Sampson.

Brud – Sept 19, needs site plan. Library has an interest; Recreation have an interest – can dovetail them together and let the town decide at Town Meeting. Brud troubled by the fact that Library trustees not, understanding as they should not be, concerned with our interest. Brud wants each party to briefly interact to understand both interests. – feels makes sense to have our experts share those interests. Aida – school depts. and library and recreation welcome to talk to consultants. Weston & Sampson would be open to attending the Sept 19 Library Trustee meeting. Asa – we will share contacts at Weston & Sampson with Aida, and the dimensions of the desired field to help facilitate that conversation.

Hope to see Recreation on 21st at the Community Forum.

Brud – reiterates he not happy with status of where Recreation is on this project, schools and library not concerned with our intent, as they shouldn't be.

Asa – schools/superintendent suggests the Principal of MS attend next meeting to handle the bus situation.

Brud – we can't rely on the library or anyone else to do our due diligence; we haven't done a single thing to look at this site – we need to work with the library to fit our field on the areas that the library doesn't need.

Asa- we are contacting Weston & Sampson and sharing our desired dimensions – and the architect will consult.

Brud – don't know if they understand the scope of work; why not engage Weston & Sampson to layout, a schematic, a couple thousand dollars to formalize.

Asa- we will know more after the September 19 Trustee meeting.

8:30 PM WAYLAND TOWN BEACH DOG RULE REVISIT

Arlene Schuler; 9 King Street; Like to walk dogs at the Town Beach; recent vandalism over the signs, concerned about dogs not allowed on the sand in the off-season. We clean-up and are good dog-owners.

Dr. Max Weinmann; Michelle Cellai; 24 Alden Road – Wayland res 10 years – viable solution is not absolutism; some dog owners are remiss – the current restrictions are extreme – area is too small. Try to walk dogs 6am – 8am; when many people are not at the beach. Dog Waste Bag stations would be extraordinarily useful. Used condoms, not used by dogs – waste, trash, alcohol, syringes – community issue, not a dog issue – feels that answer is responsible utilization of important valued recreation area of Wayland – beyond the season. Trash removal, only 3 bins left. Mondays you can witness the trash at the beach in the picnic grove. Opportunity to be afforded to clean up; to go before 8am and after 8am. Health issues; human refuse and garbage – more than dogs waste.

Kathy Cleaver; 17 Adams Lane – WayDog co-founder of Wayland Dog Owners Group. Wayland dog owners group – mission statement. Dog ownership on the up-swing, enjoy animals. Want to responsibly enjoy their dogs; nothing irks dog owners more, is irresponsible dog owners.

Martha Murphy; 10 George Street; a dog owner; often boat launch not available – poetry garden is there; fisherman there; too crowded. Not appropriate for dogs during the season. Suggests Sept 1 to March 1 where dogs can be allowed on the beach.

DPW overflowing trash. The issue is garbage – not just dog waste – all waste is an issue.

KCleaver – Weston charges high professional dog walker fees. Animal Control officer is present. Bags help.

Once beach is closed; all the trash containers go away; only receptacles are outside the fence. Not emptied over the winter.

Asa – need to discuss in conjunction with DPW about trash response. Lift restrictions for the winter, and revisit in April 2017.

Arlene – need Signage to say clean up after your dog.
Dr. Weiman – lots of glass there too.

Anna – can't take barrels away on August 14, if we know the beach is still heavily used. Once per week, DPW coming to mow anyway.

Frank – need to have more open communication; reporting need and especially vandalism;

Asa request the photos be sent to us, and we will respond.

Anna – DPW needs to take ownership too.

Brud – also bad behavior -- Big big groups and parties – maybe not residents, using the area and beach in the off season. Between route 30 and boat ramp.

Frank - charge more for nonresidents. Suggested \$50.00 per day.

Residents felt too steep.

Suggests from Memorial Day – Labor Day; keep rules same

Asa -- Get Mike Lindeman involved – need signage.

Brud Motion to amend our current dog restrictions to allow dogs on the beach from Oct 1 to May 1 Discussion: revisit in the Spring 2017. Asa- Current summer policy remains in effect. Provide Dog waste stations; coordinate with DPW for trash pickup. Heidi 2nd. 5-0-0.

Heidi wants to revisit all beach rules before the next season, Anna agrees.

9:10 PM **FIELD USER FEES**

Wayland Little League Baseball Fall Season inquiry – adjusted to hourly.

2017 Fee Structure – possible proposed changes, Frank will do arithmetic to set 2017 Light Fees.

9:15 PM **FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES**

Town Wide Strategic Plan –

MS/DPW site—Brud says that Louis Jurist was saying that our efforts were premature or waste of money; recommended that we wait for the library.

Asa – purpose of the article is to move forward with it. Reach out to Jurist – our Liaison to understand our stance as a stakeholder.

Asa -- we will know a lot more on Sept 19th

Brud wants to take Capital Maintenance money to parse out and investigate the problem
Frank won't be comfortable until they know that we need a square field. Frank requests verification.

Brud- announce at Field Users meeting on September 19th all are encouraged to show up on the 21st too

Brud -- New developments would be for in-town use – not to rent to nonresidents. After all in town demands have been met;

9:30PM IRRIGATION BYLAW CHANGE & WATER USE – VOTE DRAFT WARRANT ARTICLE

Provided Final Copy

9:35 PM CAPITAL PROJECT DISCUSSION

- Happy Hollow Playground – done!
- Dudley Woods and Oxbow Meadows – in design phase, meeting with conservation about Wetlands
- Remaining Capital Maintenance Funds & Projects –
 Frank asks why backstop needs to be replaced
 Brud acknowledges his concerns
- 5 Year Capital Project Plan update
 Wants to make sure that the placeholders are accurate, that research is done
 Jurist, at FinCom meeting asked if they'd consider things other than fields –
 gyms, playgrounds, fields, etc. this addresses that.
- TB Gym Improvements – scoreboard, if existing one can work, go with it.

9:45 PM RECREATION REVOLVING FUND FEES & BUDGETS

Special Legislation / spending cap – future meeting with BOS to be scheduled
Meeting with Budget review committee & FinCom Liaison
NEW YR PT "Rec Asst" Position, discussion & possible vote

Asa – asks boat racks, understand they don't want a boat rack; first remove all boats, and then tag boats regularly at Dudley. Brud: Signage – don't leave boats overnight. Asa – correct, boats left overnight are subject to confiscation. Brud -- Get the boats out, store them, auction, sell them, etc. Heidi asks about containER at Alpine.

10:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public present to comment at this time

10:03 PM TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING

10:05 PM NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 26, 2016; 7:00pm | Wayland Town Building

10:10 PM MEETING ADJOURNED

September 12, 2016 10:03 PM

Brud– Motion to Adjourn; Frank – 2nd Discussion: None; All in Favor 5-0-0.