

## WAYLAND RECREATION FIELD USER ADVISORY GROUP

### *Meeting Minutes*

October 24, 2016

*In Attendance:* Jessica Brodie (Recreation Department, Director), Reed Newton (Field User Advisory Group, Chair), Heidi Seaborg (Recreation Commission, Member), Paul Nechipurenko (Wayland Adult Field Use Representative), Asa Foster (Recreation Commissioner), Katherine Brenna (Recreation Department), Chris Maietta (W/W Crew), Frank Krasin (Recreation Commission), John Taxiarchis (Field User Advisory, Secretary, Wayland Youth Lacrosse), Mike Lindeman (DPW), Stephen Sandler (WLL); Joe Doucette (DPW), Thruston "Brud" Wright (Recreation Commission, Chair).

The General Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

#### 6:05 **Public Comment –**

(a) Frank Fuller (public citizen) had comments about changes in the game of soccer and spoke to the expense of putting a field in the at the new library site, touching on 11v11 & 9v9, conversions. Spoke to the utilization of a community center at that location as well. Feels that it would be a win/win to approach it from that perspective. Brodie said that the best place to have this discussion at the next town meeting.

(b) Public discussion surrounding the parking of buses across the road from the library and whether it would be considered an eyesore. Some felt that it's not attractive. Landscape architects have designed to screen the view of the buses. The issue of traffic flow was discussed as well as the cost of parking the buses elsewhere.

#### 6:13 **Approval of previous Meeting Minutes –** September minutes approved.

#### 6:17 **Discussion of Articles coming up at 2016 Special Town Meeting -**

(a) *Article 1* – Will there be a vote to amend Section 191-6 of the Wayland Town Code. Looking to change the town by-laws which don't allow for installation of an irrigation system for any fields or space above 15,000sf without a well. Fields will still be subject to the water ban. Waiting for the new DEP regulations when permit is renewed. Discussed moving towards drip irrigation as a possibility. Bennett Field is on drip plus private well. Reference is made to the public comments on the article on page 6 of Warrant for those in favor and those opposed. Questions about incremental cost to install drip irrigation conversion were brought up as well.

(b) *Article 12* – Town wide recreation facility strategic plan. Will the town appropriate funds to the Recreation Department to pull all outlier projects together under a strategic plan. Discussion regarding the language of Article 12 with respect to the source of funds "...and to determine the said appropriation", suggested that the language should be changed to "reccommend". Ms. Brodie stated that it was reviewed by town counsel and that to change it now (as it had been printed in the warrant) would require an amendment. All discussion that a

High School master plan is being initiated that will also consider another turf field. Will probably be finished within six to eight months – in time for the next special town meeting hopefully. Discussion about the majority or 2/3rds vote to use the stabilization funds. 2/3rds is needed.

6:38: **Update on Field Projects -**

(a) *Request for Memo from Field User groups.* Request was made to have the field user groups discussing what their request and observations are with respect to their respective groups. It would help and assist the recreation department.

(b) *5 Year Capital Plan* – For FY18, discussion of all the outstanding projects.

(c) *Fields with lights* – Demand has risen for use of fields with lights. Lacrosse and soccer want to use Cochituate because of lights with short days in the fall. Spoke about portable lights. Of course there is the increase in use if more fields are lit.

6:55 **Topics not reasonably anticipated** by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting – None.

6:57 **Next Advisory Group Meeting** – November 28, 2016 at 7:00pm, large conference room in Town Hall.

7:00 **Adjourn**