

TOWN OF WAYLAND – RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017 AT 7:00PM

Wayland Town Building | 41 Cochituate Road | Wayland MA 01778

Held in the Council on Aging Room, videotaped and broadcast by [WayCAM](#)

Present Commissioners: Asa Foster, Chair; Brud Wright; Heidi Seaborg, Frank Krasin
Recreation: Katherine Brenna

Absent Chris Fay;

Guest: Joan Rubin, 234 Aspen Circle, Lincoln, MA
Margot Stitham 89 Oxbow Road
Frank Stitham
Suzanne Gwinner
Marana Kern
Pat Thompson
Linda Segal
Suzanne Gwinner, 31 Birchwood Lane in Lincoln, MA
Diana Boden 41 Winding Road lane
Kathy Steinberg – School Committee Member
Pat Solner
Joel Wechsler, 50 Windingwood Lane, Lincoln, MA

7:02 PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Asa Foster called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

7:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT:

Asa Foster: extends public comment to 7:15pm in response to the large crowd.

Joan Rubin : shuttled around from Planning Board, Rec Commission, Selectman
2004 Environmental Assessment, retired engineer; spoke to friend who works as Environmental Engineer who works for a large Corporation, Waste Site Cleanup in several states. Asked friend to review the 2004 assessment. Engineers comments were: past 13 years there has been advancements in environmental assessment of toxic contaminants. 2004 study no longer relevant. Also those Analytical methods have been refined since then. 2004 parts per million, now, speak in parts per billion in terms of toxins. "Of no concern" is unacceptable by today's standards. There were firefighting tools at the Nike site, but there is no mention of this in the assessments PFOA now considered harmful, was an issue with them in children's pajamas. Unless you do an up to date assessment you'll be faced with lawsuits. Asking children to play on one of the most toxic environments, whether or not it's clean, no one can say until assessment is made. We don't want children to be exposed.

Marana Kern – 118 OXBOW RD. See letter submitted. Part of Greenways, Boston's outer emerald necklace. Town Wide Rec Facilities Strategic Plan, it is supposed to establish an overall plan for town assets. Wouldn't it be more cost effective to wait for that plan? Marshall Gary's estimates have already doubled from initial plan. More cost effective to put multiple fields together than one small field with 55 parking spots.

Margot STITHAM – 89 OXBOW CONDOS / 305 TROUT BROOK RD 4 Questions – easement created for access to the field – for small traffic, machines, and original lot has 10 spots. This proposed lot with 55 spaces creates an excess burden on the easement. Traffic study did not include trout brook road and

oxbow road intersection. Being discriminated against because we are low income housing, no other field in town uses private easement. It's our private driveway. Who takes care of the litter? Who will be responsible if entrance needs repairs? Who will plow the lot; currently we plow it in the winter. Who will cut the bushes at the entrance to keep the roadway sight lines? Currently we do so.

Pat Thompson, 116 CHESTNUT CIRCLE, LINCOLN MA we are hoping you'll put a halt on this project.

Linda Segal - 9 AQUEDUCT RD Wayland, asks first resident speaker for specialists name and credentials. Massachusetts has 80 of them; many of the cases are closed or resolved. Does the specialist believe they're all invalid? State officials don't view it this way, in this state.

7:19 PM APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Frank Krasin makes a motion to approve the previous minutes of Recreation Commission Meeting held on July 17, 2017 Seconded by Brud Wright. Discussion: None. Vote: 4-0-0.

7:25 PM APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL:

Frank Krasin makes a motion to approve the bills & payroll for the month of July 2017. Discussion: Seconded by Heidi Seaborg; Discussion: None. Vote: 4-0-0.

7:25 PM FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE DRAFT

Brud asks about the timeline, Rec approves, will go in front of SC, be approve and go to FinCom.

Heidi Seaborg – concerns about being ready to fully vet this article before town meeting. The needs of the high school are so critical, and in dire need. There are other real big ticket initiatives, the library and rehabbing the WHS fields – so how do we resolve it? Loker is critical too. Lots of questions, we don't have an update since last meeting, there are seemingly satellite meetings SC meetings, etc., We should post so we can give an attend as a board since Loker project was developed as a two person working group. How confident are we that it will be fully vetted before ATM?

Asa: After Labor Day – reach out to the neighbors, one of 2 public meetings with turf expert. We prefer to have a turf field, not located at a school site. Advantages to having a turf field on non-school properties. Loker already has parking available, if HSMP is passed, the funding is for the design of Part 1 and 2 and Loker. We'd go to Spring TM ask for funding for projects. Topics of bussing, lighting, etc. Tied into the school start time initiatives as well. Why not make Loker a grass field? There is no benefit when the turf field goes offline, and because a grass field needs a year to establish.

Heidi – in light of big ticket items, maybe only one phase is undertaken at this time – which maybe all three are too much to ask. Grappling with, are we cutting in line?

Brud – commissioner for over 10 years, always Rec's goal has been to build another artificial turf field. Eyeballed former DPW site, spoken in favor of the new DPW building. Rather than conflict with another group, compromised and got a piece of land that was unbuildable. We ended up with nothing. Not going to invest in a retaining wall. Selectman appreciated the fact that we were to step back and let the library the opportunity to ask the town. Pressing forward, for ten years we continue to look at Loker – fracture trace analysis, LSP twice, Wetlands Study, Historical artifacts – a lot of research on Loker. Article would have allowed a turf field there, but we gave CPC funds

back with idea to revisit later. Initially there was a restriction through a bylaw on watering source, but since then the bylaw has been rescinded. We decided at the time to turn the funds back to CPC.

Moved balance into the stabilization fund that came from user fees – no problem sitting with FinCom or Finance Director to see how those fees can support field at Loker. A project like this is nowhere near the size of the library.

Frank – is it true that the work has to be done because it's violating Order of Conditions.
Asa – Order of Conditions not followed by the town – the article that we hope to put into Fall ATM that will move the track, stadium, and turf further north away from capture zone. Swap softball field with tennis courts – which enables greater public access.

This will demonstrate to the DEP and State that we are working toward compliance

Brud – turf is so important, drainage is so poor in the Spring, most of fields are unusable. Allows us to renovate other sites and improve drainage. Takes the pressure off other sites. Turf relieves the pressure off other fields.

Asa – turf has 3:1 versus a grass field. Makes us able to rest a field for a season or two seasons.

Asa – initiative to split the article. Consider putting an article in, strictly related to Loker – if the joint article passes, then we just pull the article. Reach out to the neighbors. We've been transparent about our initiatives all along. Open public meetings, open to all public.

Unnamed Lincoln Resident: Comments about putting in Private School behind the gas station in Lincoln

Brud asks about tweaking the Article.

Asa – suggests that we post a meeting to attend SC meeting. Objective tonight is to amend the language. Wetlands overlap the capture zone, and the Rock possible.

Kathy: coordinate with SC and sub fin com to share concerns, edits.

SC has not reviewed this draft, coming back with comments on 28th; we'll be looking for Rec Comm in put on the article. Monday 21st at 3:00pm in SC meeting room.

Asa- hope to get something to you by the end of the week. Tabled until next meeting.

7:35 PM SECURITY CAMERAS

- Frank distributes folder with different quotes for security camera options; says agrees with Ed Sanderson's recommendation, agree that the Arlo Go camera is the way we should move forward. Minimum 5 cameras.
- Cochituate Ball Fields restrooms, Wayland Town Beach 3 sites, Town Gymnasium
- Brud – asks cost per unit: \$250 per – money well spent. Night time vision? Parking lots, etc.

8:08 PM DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

- Prepare by September 29, 2017

8:10 PM CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Town Wide Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan**
 - Asa – spoke with Gene Bollinger (Weston & Sampson)
 - Site Visit tomorrow at Loker Recreation site
 - Contract calls for completion by August 31, 2017
- **High School Master Plan Update**
 - SC Approved draft of Fall ATM Article, will review and vote next meeting.
 - Schedule a Public Meeting with Turf Expert, Jeanne Downs listed some school dates to avoid, so we can get as many of the public can attend. Weston & Sampson will provide a turf expert. Cost assessment is in the draft of the article, last page. Same contractor would do all 3 phases.
 - Turf Account Balances.
 - Asa - If joint article, how much money are we willing to put into this project, the cost of design for Loker, if joint, willing to contribute up to 210k for the design of HSMP with respect to the turf/track/stadium. If a single article just with Loker, less inclined to contribute rec funds of that amount to the HSMP. Loker cost estimate 154k.
 - Brud - Taxpayers shouldn't take whole hit at Loker, they'll take a hit for the school.
 - Asa- take a substantial portion of stabilization fund to offset the costs of the design phase at the high school. If it's a joint article.
- **Loker Recreation Site**
 - Revisit Gale Report, LSP x2, Wetlands Study, Evaluation requested by Historical Society
 - Investigate legal restrictions on the land.
 - Frank – have to determine if there are any conservation restrictions. Will vote to get TC opinion.
- **Town Building Field Renovation Design**
 - See Memo Dated 7/7/2017 regarding time line. Rec last usage is 8/25.
 - Will impact Spring / Summer 2018 Rec Programming
- **Open Space and Recreation Plan**
 - No Update
- **JV Baseball Field Renovation Design**
 - Heath Rollins signed attached contract with STS for Fall, paid through Recs Capital Maintenance Budget, and service date to be scheduled in the Fall 2017.
- **Beach Patio Expansion Design**
 - No Update, still waiting on final design, DPW expected to complete wall work this Fall.
- **Dudley Woods Trails**
 - Conservation Commission met, passed their requirements
 - Ben Gary was intending to flag it, and Conservation was going to walk to see if trees could be saved. Historic Committee would assess too.
- **Oxbow Meadows**
 - Planning Board Certification, approved project on August 9, see attached for conditions.
 - Brud – met with Lincoln rec director; learned about their field that they built, similar to our field. All woods, taken all the trees down. Had 2 bidders, low bidder depends on water source. Test pits have been dug, once they do their due diligence, they will release their contract

8:30 PM SUMMER 2017 DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Camp Wrap Up; Served 500 campers ages 3 to 15, over 1,215 camperships. Both approximate 50% increase from previous years. First ever MDPH/BOH Camp Licensure
- Beach Season
53D Ending balance, 37k to G/F and 10k remains.
Extended the season by 2 weeks, successful
- Parking in the Boat Launch Area – Nonagenarian pleased and grateful.
- Fall Field rentals – all feeling the squeeze from losing TB field, but able to accommodate all in-town groups
- Reminder TAT 9/23

8:40 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Town is a legislative body voted to fund Oxbow Meadows at Spring Town Meeting; we are obligated to proceed forward with this project.

Planning Board approved the plan with a number of conditions – given the fact that Rec Commission has shirked its responsibilities at the Oxbow Site, in terms of plowing and ADA accessibility. How can we be certain that the conditions will be abided by? We will abide by the conditions, and if we don't we can assume there'd be a complaint.

Asa – not certain it's the Rec Commission responsibilities to maintain the trail, it's a Conservation trail. Oxbow resident called three times to have the area plowed. DPW plows. Brud – Trail is Conservation, DPW maintains the lot, and the Field belongs to Recreation.

Suzanne Gwinner, 31 Birchwood Lane in Lincoln, MA. Planning board meeting directed Lincoln residents to Rec Commission, paragraph 8 was removed from Site Plan Review.

Frank STITHAM – 89 OXBOW CONDOS / 305 TROUT BROOK RD: How to get bid documents, drawings, project manual?

Asa – Share contact info, and we can share it.

NAME: Who picks up the litter, and who moves the porta-pottys, what are the time restrictions on the field.

Diana Boden 41 Winding road lane in Lincoln – woman asked valid questions earlier, and deserve an answer. Are you accepting responsibilities for the testing of the fields?

Will this committee tell us today that the site is safe? (Letter to BOS)

Are you against testing for the children of Wayland? Feeling that the Rec Com is against testing.

Thompson – we come here, because this is where we need to go. Just hoping we can work together.

Suzanne Gwinner – are you prepared to say the area is safe?

Asa – the information about the testing is available online.

Pat Solner – grew up Los Alamos in town was home of the Atom bomb, both parents had lung cancer, at least 50% caused by exposure to radiation, were compensated. Both parents were compensated. Labs created the bombs, before '45 the Clintons were in office 20 years

later, and had to do something because all the cancers were showing up. It just seems safe to do another study.

8:50 PM **TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING**

Seek opinion of TC on any restrictions of Loker Recreation Site. Brud Wrights makes a motion to seek TC advice on Loker Restrictions; Heidi Seaborg seconded.

Discussion: None: Vote 4-0-0.

Facilities – Frank: Gym Door left open, 9:45pm curfew

Land Use – takes 2/3rd, should be easier to go with a joint article. Pursue as one joint article.

Frank – when do we start interviewing?

Asa- received resume

9:14 PM **Next Meeting Dates & Agenda Topics**

Recreation Commission, Monday, August 21, 7:00pm at the SC Room.

Recreation Field Advisory Group Meeting, Monday, September 18, 2017 7:00pm

Recreation Commission Meeting, Monday, September 18, 2017 8:00pm

9:21 PM **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Adjourn; There being no further business before the Recreation Commission Frank Krasin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm; seconded by Heidi Seaborg, Discussion: None; Vote: 4-0-0.
