

**TOWN OF WAYLAND – RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

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**MONDAY, APRIL 10 2017 AT 7:00PM**

Wayland Town Building | 41 Cochituate Road | Wayland MA 01778

Held in Council on Aging Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

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

**Absent** Chris Fay

**Guests** None.

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**7:00 PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Asa Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**7:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**7:05 PM INTRODUCTION**

New Recreation Commissioner, Christopher Fay  
Asa instructs Ed to educate Chris Fay on Open Meeting Law as pertains to email. Ed will follow-up with Chris.

**7:10 PM REVIEW AND APPROVAL PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Brud Wright makes motion to approve Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes for February 6 and March 6 meetings. Frank Krasin seconded motion. Discussion: None. Vote: 4-0-0.

Frank Krasin makes motion to approve Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes for March 22 meeting. Heidi Seaborg seconded motion. Discussion: None. Vote: 4-0-0.

Brud Wright makes motion to approve March 22 Dudley Woods Public Meeting Minutes. Frank Krasin seconded motion. Discussion: None. Vote: 4-0-0.

Heidi Seaborg makes motion to approve March 22 Oxbow Public Meeting Minutes with correction of unnamed abutter #1 to Peg Obermiller. Frank Krasin seconded motion. Discussion: Heidi asks to update abutter list with names. Vote: 4-0-0. Ed Sanderson will update meeting minutes.

**7:15 PM REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL**

Frank Krasin postpones the approval of Recreation Commission Bills & Payroll for March.

**7:20 PM CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES**

**1. High School Master Plan Update**

- Working group with Asa and Brud met with School Committee member, Ben Keefe, Heath and Weston & Sampson (W&S) in March to discuss master plan progress to date

- W&S to provide proposal to collate past, outstanding Con Com order of conditions and develop strategy to present to MassDEP; outstanding order of conditions, outstanding for 10 plus years when track was initially built, etc.– order sent to Booster Club, hasn't been addressed.
- SC looking to hold meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> with the Rec Commission to hear current state of master plan and determine a path forward. Would be a joint meeting with school committee and Rec Commission, W&S to provide slides. Meeting will be to inform all members of the Rec Commission and School Committee and talk about phasing.
- Heidi asks about working meeting? Brud and Ed confirm there are no other working meetings prior to Mon April 24 meeting.
- Brud explains the Phasing that came out of last working group meeting and asks the group what we want out of Phase 1.
- Brud suggests Rec Meeting after the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to gather feedback.
- Ed - goal is to get both SC and RC on the same page.
- Asa - Overall cost of the HS athletic field improvements is in the vicinity of \$10 million; we want to assess whether the town has an appetite for that. The turf is in great disrepair, and the track is in a condition that no home meets will be hosted there this year. Eventually will be a joint article between RC and SC, wary that if we don't get the request in soon enough we'd be in trouble in terms of getting the necessary funding
- Asa - We may need to get special permission to ask for funding in the Fall from BOS
- Brud – concerned we are focusing all our attention on the high school, and would argue an artificial turf field would give us the best option, drawing from same source. What we spend at WHS may detract from bigger strategic plan (discussed more in next topic).
- Brud – possible to borrow the money in some way, and use existing \$400k (I believe this in one Rec Commission's current funds) – float a bond, and make payments. I'd like to see financial help regarding funding a new turf field internally; perhaps use revenues of the turf field use to pay back the bond  
FK – asks cost to refurbish the turf field

## **2. Town Wide Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan**

- Asa- the earlier the strategic plan can be wrapped up the better so it can inform high school master plan decision
- Ed presents copy of RFQ #17-24 and proposed schedule and timeline. Strategic plan is scheduled to be completed by late August
- Asa - completion in early August would be better; the later we go, the less likely we will be ready for an ask at fall town meeting for HS improvements. Note that the town wide recreation strategic plan should progress enough to inform phasing at the HS, which will most likely request money at fall town meeting, typically requiring an article submittal in September

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- Brud – prioritize the study, and turf field comes first in terms of the capital improvement schedule
- Asa - incumbent upon this, we need someone to advocate for us, SC and RC, need more info regarding protocol with BOS
- Ed - need to begin the process – kickoff meeting, public meetings, etc. Did Gale report cover all areas? Or do we need W&S to weigh in?
- Brud – Gale covered a broad scope – new ideas since, like tee ball at Alpine, renovating or repairing new smaller fields. It may be helpful to have conversation with Gene to focus his work.
- Ed- want to establish a working group with Rec, or have Gene, W&S come to a Rec Meeting?
- Brud – add it to the agenda of a regular RC meeting
- Frank – set up a priority list for sites
- Heidi – would very first meeting be a public meeting?
- Brud – maybe not, chaotic, get our focus clear first.
- Asa - WRAP will present their findings to town in June
- Ed - asks should we be doing more outreach to other committees, like Conservation.
- Brud – once we make priority list, it will be clearer, Gene needs to have info from WRAP findings. Perhaps a working group down the road to help prioritize the capital list
- Asa – also so he won't repeat efforts
- Proposed dates for kickoff with W&S, confirm with Weston & Sampson
  - o Tuesday, April 18, 7:00pm or April 19 7:00pm
- Need to be mindful that the HS master plan will draw funding away from the town wide recreation strategic plan

### **3. Town Building Field Renovation Design**

Will have survey info from Alf back soon; next steps will be kickoff meeting with Rec staff, Brud, DPW, and W&S.

Funded through revolving fund.

### **4. JV Baseball Field Renovation Design**

Will have survey info from Alf back soon; next steps will be kickoff meeting with Rec staff, Frank, DPW, W&S, and Athletic Director.

Funded through revolving fund.

### **5. Beach Patio Expansion**

Kick-Off meeting tomorrow 4/11 at 10:00am at DPW

Asa, Brud, DPW and Shadley Associates will attend

Ed – looking at different surfaces for back of building to accommodate pre-k programs.

## **6. Dudley Woods Trails**

Passed at ATM 174-43, looking at the next steps, want to look at materials and approach that need to be flushed out with DPW.

Ed - any more public meetings?

Asa – no, push forward.

Brud – if we run into problem we can address.

Ed- Proposed permeable paving, but BoPW concerned about maintenance. Asa – assess the costs of the maintenance, versus alternatives. Ed will also consult Con Com to see if use bituminous asphalt will require any additional review by Con Com

## **7. Oxbow Meadows**

Passed at Article 19 at ATM, looking at the next steps

LEC Environmental Site Assessment – still trying to get Contract together

FK – neighbors concerned that vote happened before assessment, but asserts that environmental site assessments have already been done.

Ed - Fed government requires this assessment, to check impacts.

Residents can review the assessments done in the 1990s on the website.

Heidi – want to be gracious winners with neighbors, continue communication, share checklist results from Environmental Assessment, and be more proactive about addressing neighbor concerns. Wants to make sure that neighbors get the information that they need. Feels need to respond to folks. What's the game plan to address the feedback, emails that we are receiving?

Charles D'Ambrosio email – shame that there was no communication between Public Meeting and Town Meeting

Ed- responded to him, thanked him for feedback, and told him pass the concerns to Commission. Explained the options. He responded that lack of funds was not a good enough answer. Curran and he responded that Town better consult Town Counsel, and Ed hasn't yet responded to that, but has shared emails with TA and ATA.

Ed – options, that are possible -- yes, smaller field, get more money and move trail, it all takes more time

Frank – Town voted that they want a full sized field there

Brud – when you shrink the space, there is more contact, more adjustment times, and there is more risk for injury. Charlie's idea would result in the smallest size allowable as a playable field. He presented the idea, but wasn't there to advocate for his idea at TM.

Heidi – not likely we could, as RC, enter Public Record on his behalf. I understand how he personally feels it was unfair. But on a practical level on how ATM is run, we wouldn't be able to pitch his idea.

Brud – wanted to hear the feedback at TM, but the outcome was never in doubt.

Maybe they can work with Con Com, but Con Com already states they cannot agree to move the trail. From aerial view, there will still be considerable buffer between the

trail and the properties on Williams street, thought to plant trees to, but maybe not enough room.

Ed- sounds like neighbors are open to getting a lawyer and suing the town.

Brud – doesn't feel like that will slow down the process.

Heidi – if they need input from Town Counsel, we can be a conduit to get them advice or info that they need, maybe a better map from Surveyor.

The reality is the article passed, and we can get you the info you need.

Brud – encourage neighbors to prioritize concerns

Heidi – public notice, we are moving forward, and here are the accommodations – spacing games, stop signs, or planting trees, etc. Only 1 abutter came to last Rec Com Public Meeting.

Brud – harsh ending, not to preempt their concerns, but how do we move forward; Commission will allow residents to voice their concerns at future meetings

Heidi – concerned about neighbors speeding, but the neighbors are likely the speeders.

Ed – open the conversation, and help steer concerns to help address the issues. Do we hold another public meeting?

Brud – it's the right thing to do, as we go forward. Maybe get the chief of police at the meeting to field questions and offer feedback regarding speeding and what can be done. Some of the problems and solutions are out of our area of expertise.

Asa – Let's respond and let them know there will be another meeting after the results of the environmental study results are in.

Heidi - Make sure clearly set expectations about the purpose of the meeting.

Realistic, small but meaningful changes that want to happen, as we continue forward- it's been voted. We're now obligated to make this happen.

Brud – we will support future articles maybe from CPC to get their projects done to address some of their outstanding concerns.

Asa- we don't want to delay project.

Heidi – game plan to call another public meeting

FK – concerns about nuclear radiation, they can call the state, and the state will test.

FK – in response to resident email, wants to better understand her concerns.

Ed- response, it was nuclear, it was cleaned up, since then Dr. F Krasin has checked site, and no documented radiation on the site.

Heidi – need to clarify, if it wasn't clear that there was nuclear material there.

Brud – agreed Ed would notify all abutters, public meeting to discuss how to implement the towns' decision to install oxbow meadows field at this site, invite Police Chief as it pertains to traffic and public safety. Police should hear the concerns, and help the residents. Should respond to residents.

Ed- Curran email, wasn't necessarily looking for a response to one particular issue, and we'll wait for TC and ATA to respond. He will be invited to Public Meeting, with others.

## **8. WHS Softball Field**

Meeting with private residents and DPW last week' group in town raising private money to put a temporary outfield fence at the high school. They are aware of the WHS Master plan, and that this is a temporary solution.

FK – similar to Cochituate fence, storage, and maintenance will be done by the users.

## **8:35PM SPRING ATM DEBRIEF**

Covered previously

## **8:37 PM SPRING 2017 DEPARTMENT UPDATES & OTHER TOPICS**

- Champion Soccer School Update, revisit each year.
- Dad & Me Campout -

## **8:39 PM Events That Need Approval / Discussion**

WWRA Regatta WTB May 7

Brud Wright makes motion to approve event Heidi Seaborg seconded motion. Discussion: None. Vote: 4-0-0.

WCP Annual One Mile Swim WTB June 18

Heidi Seaborg makes motion to approve event Brud Wright seconded motion. Discussion: None. Vote: 4-0-0.

## **8:39PM PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

## **8:39 PM TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING**

Brud – confirm process for Field Openings, need more notice.

Heidi – soon, we'll be voting for a new chair of Rec Commission

Ed – 2 emails from WHS students who want to install 2 benches around town, any location ideas? Brud suggest Dudley Woods. Frank suggests Alpine to replace benches.

Brud – Let's find out, is the intent for Player benches or Scenic benches?

Matt from Boy Scouts – asks about putting handicap ramp on the outside of the Boy Scout House, because Town owns the building. Building is under control of the property.

Look into security at the beach house

Heidi Seaborg makes motion to allow Boy Scout Group to pursue project of adding ADA ramp to property, subject to approval of the plans Frank Krasin seconded motion.

Discussion: None. Vote: 4-0-0.

Request more advanced notification to the public on when fields are open and closed

## **8:46 PM Next Meeting Dates & Agenda Topics**

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 7:00pm (possible April 19)

Monday, April 24, 2017 7:00pm – joint meeting SC/RC

Monday, May 8, 2017 Recreation Commission meeting 7:30pm

## **Agenda Items**

- The approval of Recreation Commission Bills & Payroll for March.

### **8:52 PM MEETING ADJOURNED**

Adjourn; There being no further business before the Recreation Commission Brud Wright moved, seconded by Heidi Seaborg, to adjourn the meeting of the Recreation Commission at 8:52pm; Discussion: None; Vote: 4-0-0.

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