

TOWN OF WAYLAND – RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017 AT 8:00PM

Wayland Town Building | 41 Cochituate Road | Wayland MA 01778

Held in Large Hearing Room, videotaped and broadcast by [WayCAM](#)

Present	Asa Foster, Chair; Frank Krasin; Heidi Seaborg; Chris Fay; Brud Wright Recreation: Ed Sanderson, Katherine Brenna
Absent	None.
Guests	Nicholas Cedrone, former Wayland resident; Gene Bollinger and Cassidy Chroust, Weston and Sampson (W&S); Reed Newton, Field Advisory Group

8:08 PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Asa Foster called the meeting to order at 8:08pm.

8:10PM PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nicholas Cedrone, former Wayland resident. He uses boat launch, uses a non-resident beach membership. Recently NO PARKING policy at the beach boat launch has been implemented. He is requesting possible ability to park weekdays for a few hours adjacent to the boat launch. He has a small 1 man canoe, in the water for 1 hour.

Commission will take it under advisement and report back at the next meeting.

8:15 PM REVIEW AND APPROVAL PREVIOUS MINUTES

Frank Krasin makes motion to approve Recreation Commission meeting minutes for May 9, 2017 Recreation Commission meeting. Heidi Seaborg seconded motion.

Discussion: None. Vote: 5-0-0.

Frank Krasin makes motion to approve Recreation Commission meeting minutes for May 23, 2017 Recreation Commission High School Facility Master Plan Update – Public Meeting #3. Brud Wright seconded motion. Discussion: None. Vote: 5-0-0.

08:20 PM REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

Frank Krasin makes motion to approve Recreation Department Bills & Payroll for April and May. Brud Wright seconded motion. Discussion: None. Vote: 5-0-0.

8:24 PM CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

1. Town Wide Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan

W&S presented update on the project. Key points:

1. Need to bore down on priorities
2. Relationship to the high school athletic facility master plan is critical; HS master plan recommends updating, not expanding field offerings, but in fact reducing use of rock and wet fields to minimize potential environmental impacts to the adjacent wells. So need to consider phasing of high school improvements in context of larger town wide recreation plan and likelihood of various financing options and appetites.

3. Reviewed the project's mission, assessment of critical needs (new fields, relieve grass fields from overuse), current field deficits, and use of existing fields. Will draw much of information from past and ongoing studies as well as develop some new plans to provide a realistic and achievable 10 year capital plan.

Reed - HS master plan is looking to update the existing facilities, not expanding the offerings. With many other field needs in town, afraid that process could pit competing projects between the high school and other users/needs against each other in terms of funding priorities.

Gene – keep in mind passive recreation improvements too, but are typically cheaper than active recreation improvements.

Asa – asks about deed restrictions on the Cow Commons area? Need to talk to Con Com about possible restrictions.

Asa – asks about potential of Alpine as a turf site as an alternative to possible the Loker Recreation Area or the Middle School.

Brud - concerned about turf/lights in a small neighborhood such as the one that surrounds Alpine.

Cass – In terms of project timeline, next steps will be to schedule some site visits. W&S will let Rec Commissioners know in case they want to join site visits.

Brud – likes the concept of partnering with the Conservation Commission to offer more passive recreation, helps round our view of recreation and creates positive partners. He like it and we should continue with that, but both the Conservation Commission and the HS have their own constituencies with some overlap with Recreation Commission constituencies, but not complete overlap. That said, this study is solely funded by the Recreation Commission and it is going to be the overarching strategic plan for all recreation including the HS Master Plan. We need to prioritize across competing needs and take into account the HS master plan into that. We have tight, limited timelines for some of the more pressing improvements and field needs, with build dates and funding sources, regardless of whether it includes HS or not. We can use the timeline to compare to other town department projects like the Library, etc. Hope to have the force of this report behind the push for the needed recreation projects.

Asa – concerned about the time constraints, in terms of presenting articles at the fall town meeting.

Gene – key is the outreach, getting the stakeholders behind these projects.

Brud – use Field Advisor Group to help support fall town meeting article.

2. High School Master Plan Update

Gene – presented draft, concise summary of information that was garnered during the process of HS master planning outreach process. Report is intended to describe the preferred renovation strategy that was vetted at the final public hearing. The report is also to be shared with Ben Keefe, Schools Facilities Department. Urgent need for repairs on this HS property.

Gene – you will want to frame the discussion in the context of how the state creates a standard process to fund school building improvements, but not school field and outdoor athletic facility improvements.

Ed – asks W&S about how to address the turf concern before a fall town meeting.

Frank – why focus on crumb rubber? Is it a cost consideration?

Gene – Crumb rubber used in 95% of turf applications. There are organic alternatives, but then use pesticides to kill weeds. There are 15 or so other infill options; W&S has a matrix of materials, costs, performance, maintenance, etc. that they can share. Many turf fields have monitoring systems in place in towns around the country too. And there is definitive scientific evidence that supports crumb rubber's safety.

Gene – W&S can identify a rubric to help town make best choice. Maybe set up a workshop to discuss publicly the turf infill options.

Asa – HS master plan report should emphasize the safety issues of the facilities under current conditions.

3. Town Building Field Renovation Design

Gene - Awaiting lab results from test pits, but initial indications show heavy clay content in soil, drains poorly and compact. Lab results will be available soon. At that time W&S will be able to provide a timeline to complete design and construction to see if construction this fall is still viable.

Brud – concerned about the timeline, would like it to be the premier project and get this going this fall growing season.

Gene – quicker to install sod instead of seed, but seed is better given conditions.

Ed – will coordinate with W&S and DPW regarding test pits and irrigation plans.

Ed – question for W&S. Is getting bids for fall work, as compared to spring....do you feel like we will get good contractors and reasonable bid costs?

Gene – Typically for park projects, we like to bid in January so contractors have some time to consider and plan. However, town building field is not an enormous or complex project. If bid this fall, likely bidders will be someone looking to round out

their fall construction projects. Lowest qualified bidder will have to meet the standards. Often contractors will follow our projects.

Ed – to send out W&S contract amendment for \$20,000 to Recreation Commissioners for review and ask Beth Doucette if it can be an amendment to Weston and Sampson current contract or if it has to be publicly bid.

4. JV Baseball Field Renovation Design

Ed - Met with Heath Rollins and Joe Doucette. Heath to get more info regarding the soil from Sports Turf Specialties, Inc. DPW then needs to confirm comfort level with proposed field renovation and future DPW maintenance (stone dust vs. clay vs. something in between) before moving forward with the project.

Ed – initially assumed \$3500 for W&S PO reassigned to this project, but SC doesn't have any funding for the remainder of this project. MOU capital maintenance fund most likely used to fund the project.

5. Beach Patio Expansion

Awaiting survey from Town Surveyor, then will give to Shadley Associates to finish up their design.

6. Dudley Woods Trails

Conservation Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday June 14th to gain approval for change from permeable paving to asphalt trail surface.

7. Oxbow Meadows

Planning Board Site Plan Approval Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th at 7:30pm.

9:45 PM SPRING 2017 DEPARTMENT UPDATES & OTHER TOPICS

Ed - Camera Quotes – initial 3 quotes were based on permanent cameras, hard wired. We are also consulting with Verizon (ArloGo Camera) with more mobile options, battery operated. Meeting with Facilities tomorrow to compare qualities. Will find out timeline. Maybe set up a subcommittee to move this along

9:45 PM Events That Need Approval / Discussion

9:45 PM PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

9:46 PM TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING

Frank - Asked Joe Dorr to expand boat racks by 12 spots at the Town Beach Estimated a few weeks to build.

Ed – Asa, Brud and Ed meeting with the School Finance Committee June 13th at 9 am to discuss HS master plan potential funding options.

Katherine – will talk to DPW about moving boats from Mansion Beach.

10:02 PM **Next Meeting Dates & Agenda Topics**

Field Advisory Meeting, Monday, July 24 7:00pm

Recreation Commission - Monday, July 10 at 7:00pm

10:05 PM **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Adjourn; There being no further business before the Recreation Commission Heidi Seaborg moved, seconded by Brud Wright, to adjourn the meeting of the Recreation Commission at 10:05 pm; Discussion: None; Vote: 5-0-0.
