

**Approved Minutes of W.B. Parks/Facilities Committee Meeting  
December 11, 2006**

Attendees:

Patrick Crowley  
Pat Inderwish  
Dennis Mulryan  
Jim O'Day  
John Owanisian  
Alan Phillips  
Chris Rucho  
Tim Shea (attending for Park Dept.)  
Thomas Kane (Superintendent of Schools)  
Jim Mulcahy (track coach)

- Committee approved minutes from November 13 meeting
- Discussion with Mr. Kane and Mr. Mulcahy regarding track
  - Consensus indicated serious problems with track surface
  - Tim pointed out salesman recommended closing track due to safety concerns
  - Rubberized surface was paved over – now has significant cracks
  - Safety concerns with hard surface related to falls and running related injuries create liability concern
  - Committee agreed that independent analysis of track surface is required

**Action: Mr. Kane to investigate condition of track with MIAA and offer response to Dennis ASAP**

- Discussion with Mr. Kane concerning Parks budget/funding
  - Pat Inderwish pointed out parks budget of \$21K is significantly under funded and suggested cost sharing with schools to ease burden
  - Mr. Kane supported concept but indicated funding should be considered a town budget issue
  - Consensus was School Dept. and Parks Committees will need to work together on solution
- Dennis summarized the following options for the track:
  - Grind track down and install new rubberized 6 lane surface – approx cost \$200K?
  - Patch cracks and paint lines – approx. cost \$4500
  - Eliminate hurdles to reduce safety concern
- Pat Inderwish talked to representative of DCR
  - Grant money is potentially available for development projects
  - Prospect St., Fairbanks St., Heritage Ln. site are possibilities
- Effort continues to acquire signatures in support of CPA ballot question
  - Support for open space and rec. were emphasized at recent meeting
  - December 21 is cut-off for submission of signatures
- Pat Inderwish distributed project list for subcommittee assignments
- Agreed to following subcommittee assignments:
  - Renovation of multi-purpose field/track: Alan P, Pat I
  - New town pool: Pat C, Jim O
  - Renovation of baseball/football fields: Bob M, Chris R.

- Renovation of tennis/basketball courts: Bob M, John O
- Parks acquisition/expansion: Dennis M, Jim O

**Action: Subcommittee members above to have brief status report (verbal or written) back for next meeting on January 15**

- Further discussion indicated Parks/Facilities Committee should plan to have report back to town manager in Spring timeframe
- Dennis presented two RFPs that were placed into committee records
  - RFP for development of a solid waste facility
  - RFP for needs assessment/feasibility study design services

**Next meeting:**

**Monday, January 15, 6:30PM**