

## **Minutes of W.B. Parks Facilities Committee Meeting October 24, 2006**

### Attendees:

Patrick Crowley  
Bob Monk  
Dennis Mulryan  
Jim O'Day  
John Owanisian  
Chris Rucho

- Committee approved minutes from October 5 meeting with following changes:
  - Correction to spelling of Pat Inderwish's name and addition of softball fields to areas needing attention
- Dennis identified approx. 30 acres of land near Orchard Knoll development that had reverted to town of West Boylston
- Pat Crowley presented following mission statement that was approved by committee:

### Mission Statement of Parks Facilities Committee

It is the mission of the parks facilities committee to assess and develop a plan to address the infrastructure needs for the Town of West Boylston in accordance with the open space and recreation section (Chapter 7) of the Master Plan of 2005 in the areas of pool and summer recreation program facilities, land acquisition for the development of additional fields (soccer, baseball, softball and football), the town's track and stadium area, the town's courts (basketball and tennis), and any other parks facilities needs as they may arise. The Parks Facility Committee will carry out this mission by working in conjunction with the West Boylston Parks Commission and other town boards, Commissions and Committees as necessary.

- Dennis presented April'05 PowerPoint slide presentation depicting condition of Parks/Facilities – some key issues below:
  - Less than .6% of town budget allocated to Parks/Recreation budget (Total budget \$21K – salaries separate)
  - Girls softball field scoreboard not electrified
  - Tennis courts: Significant surface cracks
  - Basketball courts: old backboards and lacking lines
  - Track: Significant surface cracks and only six marked lanes
  - Baseball field: scoreboard not operational
  - Woodland Park: field in poor condition, serious cracks in tennis courts, fence damaged

- Dennis indicated fields have highest demand among parks/facilities from W.B. population
  - Number of fields, particularly softball and soccer lacking
- Chris pointed out improvements to Tennis/Basketball courts and pool would likely generate most town support since they have broad based appeal in town
- Chris mentioned in recent years demand for town pool use has declined as more residences have pools
  - Smaller Rutland pool mentioned as possible model for future pool
- Pat Crowley provided handout concerning Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) – potential for outdoor recreation grants
- Considerable discussion of Community Preservation Act (CPA) took place
  - Considered good source of funds
  - 2% increase to taxes – 100% funds match from state trust fund
  - Adoption of CPA proposed as April'07 ballot question for W.B.
- Motion was approved by committee to pursue adoption of CPA
  - Pat Crowley will fill out CPA form for committee
  - Chris and Pat Crowley to attend November 2 CPA meeting representing Parks/Facilities Committee
- Discussed possibility of including initiative from Parks/Facilities committee on warrant for Spring town meeting, however this may be an overly aggressive timetable

Some topics for next meeting....

- Review/approve minutes of October 24 meeting
- Update from Chris and Pat Crowley regarding CPA meeting
- Review current parks/facilities status and discuss potential next steps with Leon Gaumond – Leon invited to November 13 meeting

**Next meetings:**

November 13, 6:30PM

December 11, 6:30PM