

**Minutes of W.B. Parks Facilities Committee (PFC) Meeting
April 30, 2007**

Attendees:

Patrick Crowley
Pat Inderwish
Bob Monk
Jim O'Day
John Owanisian
Chris Rucho

Actions from meeting

- **John Owanisian to work with assessor's office and determine plot plan for land behind high school (this land identified as possible site for possible practice field)**
- **Pat Crowley to Email pool photos to Pat Inderwish**
- **Jim O'Day to meet with DCR representative to explore land use potential**

Meeting Highlights

- Committee approved minutes from February 26 PFC meeting
- Pat I. summarized upcoming town budgeting process and associated challenges
 - "Default Budget" will allocate \$17K to Parks & Rec. (\$4K less than current budget)
 - If override passes Parks & Rec. can expect \$67K
 - Override election takes place two days after town meeting
 - Ten taxpayer petition will seek \$50K in funding
- Discussed Parks & Rec. related input for May town meeting:
 - Dennis M. to present Ten Taxpayer Petition covering 32 line item repairs
 - Agreed that with current budget crisis, Parks Facilities Committee will not present/propose any of the high dollar improvement projects under consideration
 - Current thinking is to delay presentation until Fall meeting
- Pat C. mentioned Community Preservation Act (CPA) passed by a narrow margin:
 - Warrant item to appointment a committee
 - Expected to generate additional \$300K in revenue
 - Chris R. pointed out it will likely take 1 ½ years before funds are received
- Pat I. and Pat C. presented "Debt Sample Worksheet"
 - For \$1M in debt, year one of ten year debt amounts to \$18 tax increase per \$100K assessed value
- Pat Inderwish recommended and committee agreed to following additions to current subcommittee assignments:
 - ADA access for all parks – for all facilities
 - Baseball field lighting
 - New practice field at Goodale Park – To Field Acquisition
 - Development of new field behind Edwards School – To Field Acquisition
 - Restroom facility improvements – To Field Expansion
 - Softball Field lighting
 - Development of town dump – To Field Acquisition
- Pat I. provided aerial photo and suggested land behind high school provides desirable location for possible practice field

- Consensus among committee members present identified following projects as priorities:
 - Short term: Renovation of tennis/basketball courts (\$100K+)
 - Longer term: New town pool combined with full day recreation program (\$700K+)
- Subcommittee assignments:
 - Renovation of multi-purpose field/track: Alan P, Pat I
 - New town pool (also includes Lilly Pond): 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

Next meeting: Monday, June 11, 7:00PM (note later start time)