

NOTES  
March 4, 2008  
West Boylston  
TOWN WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE

TWPC members present: Mr. Gaumond, Mr. Greenough, Ms. Pare, Mr. Evans, and Mr. Fishbein

TWPC members absent: Mr. Kevin McCormick, Mr. Baker, Ms. Feland, Ms. Dunn, Dr. Tashjian, Ms Meola and Ms. Harris.

Also present: Parks Commissioners Mr. Mulryan, Mr. Inderwish, Mr. Rucho, Mr Desy, and Mr Milewski.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by the Chairman, Mr. Gaumond, noting that there was not a quorum present. No votes were taken at this meeting.

The Committee heard the report of the Parks Commissioners of their progress on implementing the Town's Master Plan Goals.

Mr. Inderwish reported for the Commissioners and stated they have formed a Parks Facilities Planning Committee which has issued a report, dated 1/16/08, that he presented to the TWPC and will be attached to these minutes. Because the facilities are heavily used by both the School and the other citizens of the Town, they are in dire need of repair and reconditioning. The Commissioners have been applying for Grants to finance some of this work, but they have not been successful yet. The tennis and basketball courts are high on their list for repairs. Not only are the parks heavily used, there is a shortage of facilities and of funds. They also are disturbed by the high water rate they have to pay. If they didn't water the fields because of the cost, the fields would be ruined by the high use and cost even more to replace.

Mr. Gaumond reported the Municipal Buildings Committee canceled their request for a Special Town Meeting to consider their Municipal Building Plan as the cost would be too high. They are looking for ways to make these plans more acceptable to the voters.

Mr. Gaumond also reported he has formed, at the request of the Select board, a Shared Services Committee to investigate sharing services and cooperative purchasing regionally and internally with the goal of cutting costs or improving services.

Next Meeting will be April 29, 2008 to consider the May Warrant and hear the DPW report. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Charles Greenough, Clerk