

Meeting Minutes  
July 1, 2014  
TOWN WIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE

TWPC members present: Mr. Gaumond, Ms. Bohnson, Mr. Owanisian, Mr. Olson, Ms. Dunne, Ms. Chanis, Ms. Meola, Mr. Simmarano

TWPC members absent: none

Mr. Gaumond called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Owanisian to approve the minutes of 5-6-2014, seconded by Mr. Simmarano. All in favor with Mr. Olson and Ms. Bohnson abstaining.

Mr. Gaumond introduced all members of the committee and thanked them for their service. He also provided a brief update on the role of the committee and where we stand on the Master Plan updates.

The Open Space & Recreation Chapter was introduced. Steven Blake, Chairman of the Parks Commission arrived to discuss this chapter. Ms. Meola arrived at this point.

Mr. Blake said that the Parks needs are as follows:

- High School baseball field needs to be redone including irrigation & drainage.
- There is an ongoing parks facilities study underway by the Parks Facilities Committee which is a separate entity from the Parks Commission. The subject of this should be included as well.
- The football/all-purpose field needs improved snack shacks
- A & B fields need to be modified to meet new regulations including fencing
- Mixer field needs to be redone
- Woodland fields need to be redone and aerated
- Pride Park is still in good shape but long term equipment needs must be taken into consideration and will need to be replaced at some point

Mr. Owanisian is also a member of the Parks Facility Committee which is charged with the strategic planning for parks facilities. In recent studies, spray parks and walking trails have been deemed to be important issues to be considered by the Town. Parking is also a need as well as handicapped accessibility.

Mr. Simmarano mentioned that the football field has pavilion which should be enhanced. There was also a larger discussion about a new gym and/or swimming pool.

Mr. Gaumond offered to update the Open Space Chapter to include these comments and will forward them to the Parks Commission and Parks Facility Committee for review and comment.

Mr. Gaumond updated TWPC on the work being done by CMRPC. The project is a little more complicated than originally thought but they are working on it diligently. He also updated the committee on the Mixer usage meeting held by the Selectmen. Currently there is no proposed reuse for the property and the Selectmen are still taking suggestions.

Mr. Gaumond announced that he sent the Building Inspector information about the Aquifer Overlay District as he does every year.

The next meeting of the TWPC will be September 9<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day weekend at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Ms. Meola to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Owanisian at 8:00. All in favor.

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Leon A. Gaumond Jr., Town Administrator