

Town of Sudbury  
Park and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2013

Present: Commissioners- Dick Williamson, Paul Griffin, Jim Marotta, Bobby Beagan

Guests: Suzanne Doherty

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved with corrections.

**Public Comment** – Suzanne Doherty attended the meeting to present her concern regarding the 233 Concord Road (the Boomas) property that the Town has the right of first refusal on. The price to the town is \$325,000. Ms. Doherty's would like to see the town purchase the property. Nancy stated that the lot is too small to be of any use as a recreational field. The Commissioners agreed that it would be nice to see it remain open since the lot is in the historic district of town, but indicated they had no involvement in that decision.

A motion was made by the Park and Recreation Commission stating they have no interest in this parcel of land for recreation use. The vote was 4-0.

**Haskell Trees** – The Commissioners concluded the new trees at Haskell would always be a concern when laying out the fields at Haskell. Paul referenced the letter from youth soccer in regard to the concern over the spring layout of the fields. Nancy stated she mentioned the tree issued to the SMILE playground people and they did not have any comment.

A motion was made to remove the 5 trees at Haskell and relocate them to another area in town. Jim requested that the motion be amended to state that the trees be removed and transplanted this fall and the area at Haskell be reseeded for spring use. The motion was approved 4-0.

**RFP for Featherland and Davis** – Nancy stated that she reviewed the 3 RFP plans received and that she requested Bill Place and Jody Kablack review the plans as well based on their experience with RFPs. After reviewing the plans, Jody informed Nancy that Driscoll didn't meet the minimum qualifications of having worked on 5 municipal projects within the last 5 years, they only had 3. Gale and Stantec were left as the only RFPs to consider. The Commissioners discussed the bids and all present agreed that Gale would be the vendor selected. Nancy opened the RFPs with price quotes. They were as follows; Gale - \$73,255, Stantec - \$110,000 and Driscoll - \$19,000. Nancy stated that the next step is to speak with Town Counsel and Maureen Valente regarding signing a contract with Gale for the RFP and once that is accomplished to meet with Gale and start working on the design for the Davis and Featherland.

**Fairbank Community Center** – Dick Williamson reported that on September 10<sup>th</sup> the FCC committee met with 3 finalists for the conceptual design for a new or renovated Community

Center. Bargmann Hendrie & Archetype, Inc. gave the strongest presentation and was selected as the design firm to develop the plans for the Community Center. The center will focus on multi-generation and multi-use including 4 areas; recreation, senior center, the family network, and cultural. BH&A staff will meet with staff from these 4 areas to come up with a design that will meet all needs. Dick stated that a new Police Station and renovated Town Hall would need to be completed before any work could be started on a new Community Center.

Bobby Beagan asked Dick to make sure that the Recreation Staff involved in the input for requirements for the new or renovated Community Center.

**Cutting Field Sign** – Paul reported that he is still working on getting a figure for a maintenance fee and is looking towards getting the sign installed this fall.

**Misc** – No update on the IMA.

Nancy reported that Jessica Bendel will now be responsible for both youth programs and teen center.

Dick Williamson asked if there was anything new on the TI sales. Still waiting on Debbie to flag the wetlands at TI-Sales. The other big issue is who is paying for the work to develop the softball field at Davis. Paul did not think the cost would be astronomical and there was discussion that Little League baseball would want to contribute in order to move softball away from Featherland. All agreed that Little League had agreed in the past to pay for the lights at Ti-Sales, but it was unclear where the money would come from to develop the field.

The mitigation over trading conservation land with Debbie Dineen also need to be agreed on before any move forward on TI-Sales can be accomplished.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 6:30pm.