

Town of Sudbury  
Park and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

**Public Comment:** None

**Upper Featherland Improvements Update** – Mike Ensley stated the renovations look good and everyone at Sudbury Baseball seems happy with the progress. Mike mentioned scoreboards and signs at Featherland, Nancy stated she is working with Mike Walsh to see what his thoughts are and based on that will see if he will need to get permits and go before the sign committee. Jim Marotta asked if the contract agreement regarding field usage for Sudbury Baseball will be an issue. Nancy stated it should not be since all parties were in agreement before, but that Sudbury Baseball would still need to put in a field permit request.

**Hockey Rink Update** – Commissioners agreed the hockey rink looks good at the Fairbank/Atkinson Pool location and that Chris Felt and the Park and Grounds staff did a great job. Mike E. asked if it would be possible to move a few more lights to get more light on the rink. Nancy stated she would check with Chris, since he was working on the lights. Mike stated he made room in the shed for the snow blower and some shovels. He also asked if Nancy if the Town would have any issues if the hockey rink was named after John Toland. He was a Sudbury resident who was very involved in Sudbury Youth Hockey. Nancy said it should not be an issue. Nancy stated that once the ice rink is up and running signs will be posted regarding the schedule.

**Cutting Lights Update** – Paul G. stated he learned that putting lights would have to undergo a site plan modification which would have to go before the Planning Board and Selectmen too. The first step is to go before the Capital Committee, and if it passes go to the Board of Selectmen and then the Planning Board.

**Special Purpose Stabilization Fund** – Jim Marotta discussed the need to move forward with establishing a Special Purpose Stabilization Fund that would hold funds to replace the artificial turf at Cutting and the Community Fields. He stated the Commission would need to start working on this fund to get it on the Town Warrant in 2015.

**Fairbank Community Building** – Nancy and Dick met with the planning committee. The committee came up with some plans for the new building, but the estimated operating and staff expense were very high. Nancy stated the committee didn't use the correct numbers to come up with true expenses, she stated she will meet with the company representatives preparing the estimates to make sure the correct numbers are used. K-8 would not be included the new facility and would be relocated to another building in town. Nancy stated that Deb Galloway, Senior Center Dir., was concerned about the space allocated for seniors. Nancy reviewed the space plan with Deb and afterward Deb was not as concerned. It was stated that this new building is years away from being built, because the Historical Museum and the Town Hall renovations would come first.

**Davis Field/Gale Plans** – Nancy attended a meeting with Jody Kablack, Bill Place, Conservation Commission members, Board of Health, and Gale. The plan for Davis field was discussed and Nancy stated that no one supported the plan to locate the parking lot closer to the proposed baseball fields. The Conservation Committee members felt there was no mitigation to be discussed since the area is already disturbed. They also discussed the permits required so Gale could get started. It was viewed as a good meeting and now the discussion will move to how the project will be funded.

Jim M. discussed the timeline; Gale will start filing for the permits, Nancy will investigate the well study for water to irrigate the field.

Commissioners discussed three important upcoming meetings; FInCom, Capital Meeting, and CPC meeting occurring in the next week. Pat will post the FinCom and CPC meeting as Park and Recreation Commission meetings so all Commissioners will be able to attend.

**Haskell Field** – Nancy discussed the condition of Haskell field and the need to rest the area of the field closest to Hudson Road, where lacrosse has played for the past few years. Nancy is planning on taking it off line for spring, summer and possibly fall of 2015. Boys lacrosse will have to relocate to another field possibly Ti-Sales, which will be discussed at the spring field meeting. Paul stated he thought there were some areas at the LSRHS or Curtis school that could be used for the younger lacrosse group.

**Financials** – Nancy distributed financial information on the Atkinson Pool, Field Enterprise Fund, Park and Recreation Budget and the Recreation Revolving Funds for the Park and Recreation Commissioners review.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.