

January 12, 2015

Present: Jim Marotta, Dick Williamson, Michael Ensley

6:30pm

Minutes approved 3-0

Special Purpose Stabilization Fund - Nancy informed the Commissioners that Andrea Terkelson, Finance, advised her on the article for the Town meeting. Nancy will follow up and make sure that the Commissioners get an article for approval at the next town meeting.

Davis Field – Nancy stated that Bill Place offered that his department could handle the renovations at Davis Field, for \$1.2 million. He would have to rent some equipment, and it may take a little longer, but everything else will be completed as specified in the plan for quite a bit less than the cost to use an outside organization. The only thing he will not do is irrigation.

Nancy stated that at the Capital meeting, Jody Kablack, thought the project could be bonded, but wasn't sure of the best way to fund it yet. If passed they will be researching the best way and will be looking at all options.

The Commissioners questioned if the Town could really handle this project without it taking too long. Nancy stated that Bill Place had a good grasp on the project, had reviewed the plans and she asked him directly and was assured by Bill that his department could handle the job. It may take them a little longer, but not that much longer. Any additional time, would be worth the cost savings.

It was thought that the town would have to fund (bond) \$1,000,000 and that \$200,000 would come from the users groups. Jim M. asked when the money from the users groups would be required. The commitment would be required before town meeting, but the money would not be needed until after town meeting and probably the start of the new fiscal year, July 2015.

The Parc Grant fund would still be pursued, and would be used to reimburse the fund after the fact. The CPC is aware that this is a possibility, as well as Jody Kablack, Planning.

It was stated that the CPC was supportive of the plan at Davis, but was concerned about the funding. The CPC was hoping the requested amount could be lowered.

The Commissioners felt the risk of using Bill Place and his department to do the work is that it may take a little longer, but the advantage is that it will save a great deal of money.

Nancy stated that Maureen Valente, Town Manager, asked about the neighbors' concerns at Davis. Nancy stated that the Commission had spent a great deal of time listening to the resident's concerns, and developed the plan at Davis with many of the concerns addressed. She said it would be impossible to please everyone and especially those that don't want anything to change.

Jim asked about the mitigation with the Conservation Commission. It was stated that there doesn't appear to be any mitigation at this time.

Open Meeting Law Discussion - Nancy discussed with the Commission what is allowed and what to be careful of in discussing topics with other Commissioners. She stated the safest way is to send information to her and she will distribute to the other Commissioner for review.

Misc. – Michael Ensley reported that the rink at Fairbank was up and running and getting a great deal of use. He requested permission to have a plaque, naming the rink for John Toland, hung on the fence or the building near the rink. Nancy stated that either location was fine. The schedule for the rink has been received and posted on the Recreation website.

Nancy stated the rink at Featherland is open and has also been very busy.

Michael Ensley also reported that the renovations at Featherland are looking good and Sudbury Baseball is happy with them.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.