

April 6, 2015

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Present: Bobby Beagan, Jim Marotta, Paul Griffin, Dick Williamson, Nancy McShea

Guests: Jody Kablack Jim Kupfer - Planning, Jim Kelly - Building

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved 4-0.

**Open Space Recreation Plan** - Jim and Jody attended the meeting to ask the Park and Recreation Commission to act as an advisory committee in the review process for the survey. Jim detailed the steps of the 2015 process and stated the department will hold one public forum.

The Town produces this survey because it makes the Town of Sudbury eligible for state grants, it is not a state requirement. It also reaffirms the projects the Town is already working on. The Town must adopt it and present the plan to the EOE. When applying for grants the Town must have a current Open Space and Recreation Plan on file.

Jody discussed the idea for the survey and her goals. Jim stated he will forward a copy of the survey to the Commissioners to show what questions will be sent out.

**Community Center Update** - Jim Kelly discussed the current state of the roof on the Fairbank Community Center. He stated he may investigate having an infrared survey done on the roof to see where the weak spots or potential problem areas are located. He also said a contractor was hired and they began working on roof repairs in the fall of 2014. The contractor wasn't the best due to the fact the Town had to take the low bid. He also said that the roof is basically a bad roof, no pitch, very flat and a poor design. Jim said he is working with roof repair contractor and keeping an eye on the roof. He stated the snow is off the roof now and there are currently no leaks. He also stated there is \$10,000 left in the roof repair fund. Paul G. expressed concern about the operating expenses. He stated that the Town may need to absorb some of the operating expenses.

Jim discussed the new Fairbank Community Center and the thought of locating it across the street in Haskell field area. He suggested forming a committee of users of the building to keep the momentum

Jim mentioned that a Blue Ribbon Committee was being formed to look at renovations to the Town Hall, Hosmer House and other municipal buildings in town. He said the committee will be appointed at the next Selectmen's meeting.

**Davis Field Update** - Nancy met with Jody Kablack, Bill Place and Deb Dineen regarding Davis Field renovations. Nancy said Deb was interested in mitigation on the forested areas at Parkinson/Ti-Sales for Davis. Deb wants to mitigate the entire site and stated in the meeting that there is always mitigation any time you are disturbing an area. Bobby B. said he will speak with chair of the Conservation Committee to see what his view is on the subject. Nancy said she left the meeting saying she would discuss the mitigation request with her Commission.

Nancy informed the Commissioners that Jody K. suggested they retract the Notice of Intent and resubmit at the end of April to get the date of review after the Town Meeting. Jim M. asked what Sean, from Gale Associates, had to say about these changes. Nancy said he was confused and felt he was getting mixed messages from the Town and Deb Dineen. Nancy also stated that Deb D. did not like paved path proposed for Davis, but responded it was for emergency access.

Commission suggested working with Deb D. regarding the mitigation to get the approvals at Davis.

**Cutting Field Lights Update** – The Board of Selectmen approved this article, but the FinCom did not give their approval. The reasoning was that it was a tight budget year. There was discussion that an amended site plan will need to be approved before lights can go in if the article is approved.

**Stabilization Fund** – The stabilization fund is worded so the fund can only be used to replace the turf at Cutting Field. It could be amended at Town Meeting to cover the other turf fields in town.

**Financial Review** – Nancy distributed the Park and Recreation cost recovery model. She explained that the cost recovery model shows how pricing for program is determined. She stated that if changes are made to this model she would bring it back for review by the Commissioners. Nancy also handed out the new rates for the Atkinson Pool.

Motion made to approve both the Recreation Cost Recovery Model and the Atkinson Pool 2015 rates. The motion received a second and was approved 4-0.

Nancy also distributed and discussed Park and Recreation/Atkinson Pool budget summaries.

**Featherland Tennis Courts** – Nancy informed the Commissioners that the fence surrounding the Featherland tennis courts was removed. The fence was damaged due to the heavy snow. The courts have large cracks and are not useable. Jim M. suggested the Town may need to work with LSRHS since the high school tennis teams use those courts for practice. Nancy stated that money is in the Town's 2016 capital budget to resurface the courts at Feeley.

**Jean Lind Teen Center** - Nancy spoke with Sue Brennen and asked her to no longer use the 40 Fairbank address for the Friends of the Teen Center. Nancy stated that she clarified the relationship between the Friends of the Teen Center and Park and Recreation with the Acting Town Manager. Nancy stated the Teen Center mailing list is not a list that Park and Recreation maintains.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm