

Park & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday 8/2/18
6:30pm

Attendees – Bobby Beagan, Mara Huston, Michael Ensley, Kayla McNamara (remote via conference phone)

Meeting called to order at 7pm when Michael arrived.

Discussion regarding Melone proposals and the interviews that the BOS held earlier in the week. We reviewed Kayla's write-up of the BOS interviews. Kayla was able to attend two out of three of the presentations/interviews. Kayla said that there was a department heads meeting with Melissa to discuss the proposals. Kaylee felt as though most folks thought the Quarry North proposal may be the better of the three because it would provide additional cash to various parts of the town including possibly some money for park and rec. It was also mentioned the Quarry North proposal would have the benefits of ending the Sudbury Station project as well as sufficing the 40B needs of the town into the future with any additional growth to the town. Kayla personally thought the Quarry North project may be the best one. Bobby mentioned that he felt as though the BOS was favoring the solar panel proposal. Kayla mentioned that Melissa clarified that the solar panel proposal was including around 70k that wouldn't be saved directly by the town but possibly by the residents that participated in the program. Mara pointed out that any proposal would have to be voted on by Town Meeting and she personally didn't feel as though Town Meeting would support the Quarry North proposal because of the added burden on the town with more families, traffic, etc. Michael stated that any proposal should include a few acres for fields and that we should let the BOS know this because Melone had been part of our plan for a long time. Bobby was wondering if the town had lost its chance to have that be part of the final agreement because it wasn't in the original RFP. Kayla wasn't sure if it could be included or not during negotiations. Bobby reviewed Dick's email that stated the Sudbury Water District had not agreed to any development being done on the Sudbury Water District property. Mara mentioned that there is an inactive well and that access is through the Sudbury Water District property. Michael said that we should be asking for no less than 5 acres of land be provided for fields. Mara stated that it would be nice to include a path to the rail bed for connectivity to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. Michael told Mara that he didn't think the Rail Trail needed to be included in the proposal and that it shouldn't be part of every project. Mara stated that she has not made the rail trail part of every Park and Rec project. Bobby said he thought it would be worth asking if the connectivity could be considered. Michael didn't want the Rail Trail connectivity put the field ask at risk because the Rail Trail is still contentious.

Bobby raised the discussion of the Barton Drive property and suggested that we should let owner know that we don't see Park and Rec developing the property. Michael agreed and said we should spend time on existing Park & Rec property on the lake.

Michael moved to adjourn. Mara second. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm