

November 7, 2018

Commission Meeting

Commissioners: Bobby Beagan, Jim Marotta, Mara Huston
Park and Recreation: Kayla Wright, Dir. (on phone)

Public Comment - None

Director Update – Kayla reported that Sudbury Swim Team purchased a new pace clock and stated that LSRHS might purchase another pace clock for the pool.

Cutting trash is still a big issue. Kayla stated trash is left on the field after the weekend games. Sudbury Soccer uses Cutting over the weekend and a Flag Football group, she will check with Kevin to see which group it is. Bobby asked what kind of trash, Kayla reported coffee cups, water bottles etc., but the biggest issue is the garbage cans are empty and people are not using them. Bobby will reach out to the head of Sudbury Soccer to ask for help even though it is the end of the season. Mara stated we should have a carry in and carry out policy for all teams, and coaches should be responsible for their teams.

Bobby stated he has been in discussion regarding the Cutting field drainage issues, but did not receive any updates from the Town Manager. Kayla stated she would also follow up. Jim asked if the drainage was an issue before and Bobby stated Bob Lee, head of soccer, has never seen it as bad as it is now.

Mara asked Kayla about Featherland and the possibility of people teaching lessons on Featherland without paying a permit fee. Kayla stated she had heard of people teaching lessons, but had no evidence. Mara stated we should have signs on the courts stating a permit is needed for private lessons.

CPC Updates – Mara stated CPC would be meeting tonight; she has reached out to Art Reilly for funds from LSRHS for the additional courts at Featherland. Art said there would be some funds but did not specify the amount. She has also spoken with Bill O'Rourke regarding contracts for the two additional courts, which will start in the spring if the CPC funding is approved. Contingency money was not used on the first two courts, so the remaining \$36,000 can be used for two new courts. The current proposal is \$220,000 for the two additional courts. Mara stated the CPC wants all information regarding proposal for their December meeting. CPC also asked for the Capital Priorities from the Park and Recreation Commission and they want information regarding the other courts in town and the need for new courts. Beth Suedmeyer is in the process of redoing the open space and recreation plan, which is the only survey of needs the Town, has to work with right now.

Splash Park – Bobby asked Kayla for an overview. Kayla has been working with New England Recreation. This group has developed splash pads and parks in the past. She received two

estimates for a splash park. One was for \$150,000 and the other was for \$350,000. The estimate of \$150,000 includes DPW doing a great deal of the prep work for the project. \$350,000 is the estimate if the vendor has to do all the work. Filtered water or one time use water is used at the park

Revenue raised by the splash park would be up to the Commission, some towns charge others do not.

Jim Marotta asked if Kayla is proposing a splash pad or splash park for the Town. Kayla is proposing a splash park, which would have a few features such as a fire hydrant, bucket drop, etc., most splash parks surface is concrete.

Jim asked why our DPW would not do the prep work in order to save money. Kayla stated she was not able to reach Dan Nason, so she is not sure if he would be able to do the prep work, which is why she included both figures.

Mara questioned if the Commission should ask for design funds instead of build funds from the CPC at this time since the future of the current building is in question.

Kayla agreed since the Town does not know what is going on with the building at this time.

Mara asked what she should tell CPC. Jim and Bobby stated it might be premature to do anything on the splash park considering the status of the Fairbank building. The Commission decided to postpone the splash park request until they hear more about the plans for the future.

Mara made a motion to withdraw the Splash Park CPC request. The motion received a second and was approved 3-0. Kayla said she would email Beth Suedmeyer and let her know the Park and Recreation Commission would be withdrawing the splash park CPC request.

Kayla will continue to review the splash park and potential fees associated with the park. Mara will ask about design funds at the CPC meeting and told Kayla not to email Beth just yet until she finds out if there could be design money from the CPC.

Bobby asked Kayla the status of the pool financials. She said the pool is still not in the red, but swim team season starts in a few weeks. Mara said she heard that the DCLs Championships will not be held at Atkinson this year, but Kayla has not heard that yet.

Misc. – The Town voted to approve the purchase of Broadacres. Bobby stated an abutter to Camp Sewatro started a discussion about keeping Sewatro as is. Bobby heard that by 2012 Mark Taylor would like to stop running the camp. Commissioners discussed the Camp Sewataro land and the fact the Town does not have right of first refusal on this property.

Bobby asked if Kayla to contact Mark Taylor and invite to our next meeting.

Bobby said he will contact the Town Manager to see what interest the Town has in the property before the Commission does too much.

Next meeting proposed for December 3, at 6.30pm.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm