

Park and Recreation Meeting  
November 14, 2019

Attendees: Mara Huston, Jim Marotta, Bobby Beagan, Dick Williamson  
Guests: Joyce Minkoff, Susan Malone, Friends of Teen Center

**Public Comment:** Joyce and Susan expressed concern about current Park and Recreation staffing issues and how that will impact the future Teen Center Events. They also stated the Friends of Jean Lind Teen Center pay for some of the Teen Center expenses due to being told there is no money in the fund. It was explained there were funds in the Teen Revolving Fund for the events, but that some of the funds must go to expenses associated with staffing and funding the Teen Center events. Joyce said her biggest concerns were the upcoming Teen Center Events in November and December. Mara stated the Department is in the process of being staffed. Bobby said he would contact the interim Director to check on the staffing plans for the upcoming Teen Center events.

**Fairbanks Working Group:** Mara discussed the current status of the plan. She stated they remove the separate preschool gym which will now have to be in the big gym. She stated the next step is to formalize a sharing agreement with the departments in the new facility. Bobby questioned who would be responsible for coordinating rentals and how expenses would be handled. He also expressed concern about moving forward with the plan without a full time Park and Recreation Director on staff to review the plan. Mara stated she went through the past department brochures and feels confident that everything offered can work in the new facility. The gym will be larger than it is currently. Jim Marotta stated he is still concerned that there is no financial analysis on the costs to fund the facility. Mara stated this is still a conceptual plan and the working group is looking for approval from the departments before they present the plan to the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday. Jim stated he has trouble supporting a plan without financial analysis and a plan for who is paying.

Mara would like the Commission to take a vote so that they can continue to move forward with the plan. Commissioners discussed how to shape the motion.

Bobby made a motion to approve the conceptual plan with the understanding that there will be a subsequent vote on final concept which must include operational costs. Motion received a second and passed 3-1. Jim stated he could not vote for the motion due to the lack of financial analysis and operating cost.

**Featherland Tennis Court Update:** Mara reported the courts are open. She is working on getting Pickleball nets using funds remaining in the original CPC Featherland Tennis

Court article. She is also working to confirm the \$10,000 donation from Lincoln Sudbury High School, which needs to be accepted by the Board of Selectman.

Pool and Recreation Department Issues: Bobby stated Maryanne Bilodeau was not able to get the financial information from Dennis Keohane, but will have it for the next meeting. Laura Lunig, the interim Park and Recreation Director, is working on keeping the department operational while they look to hire a new Park and Recreation Director. He stated there are 2 finalists for the position that will be interviewed next week. He asked the Commissions for any questions they would like him to ask in the interview. Mara suggested asking about plans for marketing programs and the plan to generate new interest in the pool and Park and Recreation programs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm