Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026
7:05 PM
Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School Lobby

Attendance:

Mara Huston (Chairperson), Laurie Eliason (Vice-Chairperson), Granger Atkeson, Bobby Beagon (via Google Meet). Absent: Ben Carmel

Comments for Town Meeting pertaining to Article 34

At the April 13th meeting, PRC voted 2 in favor, 3 opposed resulting in the PRC NOT supporting Article 34 - Solar Canopy at Haskell Parking Lot

- We support solar energy in general but we have questions about this project on our flagship recreation property in town.
- We appreciate the commitment from the Town Manager and the Assistant Town Manager to keep us informed through the design and construction process so we can provide input related to how this project will impact recreation users and our property.
- Our focus is on how this project will affect recreation users both positively and negatively. This includes:
    - Expected parking impact
    - Canopy poles will make the parking lot more crowded and could decrease visibility for drivers to see pedestrians, especially kids
    - 30'x30' fenced enclosure of electric substation equipment in the grass are between the parking lot and the walking path visible from Fairbank Road.
    - Other impacts including visually, sound, lights of canopy and the enclosure.
- There are several other design considerations that are not known yet. We anticipate the Town Manager or the Assistant Town Manager to bring these to us.
- We are still waiting on written responses from the Town Counsel related to installing this project on the parking lot with respect to Article 97 and MGL Chapter 45 authorities.

The two supporting votes were based two key points:

- Single slope canopy shown in renderings rather than a large V-shaped canopy
- Commitment from Assistant Town Manager and Town Manager to keep the PRC involved moving through the design and construction process.

Designated Speaker for PRC position at Town Meeting

Motion by Granger Atkeson, Seconded by Laurie Eliason: To have Mara present these comments at Town Meeting on Tuesday, 5/5/26 and Granger to present comments if article comes up on Wednesday, 5/6/26.
Vote 4-0 (Granger – Yes, Laurie – Yes, Bobby – Yes, Mara -Yes, Ben – Absent).

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn meeting by Bobby, seconded by Granger.
Vote 4-0 (Granger – Yes, Laurie – Yes, Bobby – Yes, Mara -Yes, Ben – Absent).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm