

SUDBURY SELECT BOARD

SEWATARO ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021

Present: Select Board members Charles Russo, Bill Schineller.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been compiled with, the meeting was convened at approximately 8 PM via Zoom telecommunication mode.

Member Russo announced the recording of the meeting and other procedural aspects included in the meeting. Select Board roll call: Russo-present, Schineller-present.

Update on discussion with Camp Operator regarding public swimming

Member Schineller mentioned visiting the camp during the day while in camp was in session and meeting with Camp Operator/Property Manager Scott Brody and Camp Sewataro Community Liaison Kristen Drummey regarding delivery of a plan for public swimming by Sept. 30. Discussion topics included water quality testing and maintenance processes that already occurs. Lifeguard hiring challenges, ADA compliance, and Town Counsel review were all discussed.

Discuss and edit draft Sewataro Third Party Use policy document and key policy decision document

Members Russo and Schineller reviewed a draft of the proposed Third-Party Use policy document and key policy decision document. Changes suggested by the Town Manager and Camp Sewataro Community Liaison were accepted. Further edits and clarifications were made. The use of a reservation form was discussed.

A blank matrix of potential user fees was reviewed and the categories discussed. Comparable facilities in Sudbury, such as Town Hall and School meeting rooms, as well as comparable facilities in towns such as Sharon Lincoln, and Wayland were reviewed. The size of groups reserving space and the associated maintenance requirements based on group size were discussed. Discussion about whether alcohol would be banned, or allowed with permission, allowed by default, or allowed with an associated additional fee occurred.

Member Schineller expressed a preference for fees to be based on size of the user group, for example over or under 100 group members, as a trigger for when additional staff or maintenance above the baseline might be required. Member Russo agreed with this thought based on his participation in a fishing derby at the site that hosted about 60 people.

Three categories: Town organizations and non-profit groups, for-profit Sudbury groups, and non-resident/corporate/for-profit groups were considered.

Setting rates comparable to Sudbury Park and Recreation rates, so as not to compete and undercut pricing for comparable facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, was discussed and proposed.

A draft user fee table was completed based on discussion and comparable facilities.

Other sections were reviewed and questions flagged for further consideration, such as for port-a-potties, allowed group sizes, and consistency with other Town facilities.

A draft to be reviewed by the full Select Board was finalized.

Discussion around when the policy, once approved, might take effect, was discussed – comparing immediate effect, Jan. 1 effect, end of season effect, and grandfathering, etc., though no final decision was made.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Adjourn

Member Russo read in the words of the motion.

It was on motion 2-0; Russo-aye, Schineller-aye

VOTED: To adjourn the Select Board Sewataro Subcommittee Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 PM.