

SUDBURY SELECT BOARD

SEWATARO ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 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 7:07 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.

Reports from Subcommittee Members

No substantive reports were made by subcommittee members.

Citizen comments for items not on the agenda

Lisa West, 42 Hawes Road, requested a discussion around planning for swimming for residents for upcoming summers. She referenced Wayland Town Beach and Walden Pond and acknowledged the high demand for private swim clubs in town.

Updates from Subcommittee Members on assigned items

Member Russo reported his two action items were to check in on swimming and check on a third-party agreement with Town Manager Henry Hayes.

Member Schineller's action items were to check on security with Facilities Director Bill Barletta and a second one.

Member Russo reported on conversations regarding public swimming with Park and Recreation Committee Chair Mara Huston, Park and Recreation Department Head Dennis Mannone and with Town Manager Henry Hayes. The consensus was that initiating public swimming in 2021 was not feasible, that more information regarding costs and logistics would be needed, and that the current timing at the beginning of the summer was the worst timing, as this was the busiest time of year for Park and Rec summer programming. A national shortage of lifeguards was discussed and ADA infrastructure upgrade costs were discussed. Questions around how many lifeguards, what they would be paid, what kind of breakeven might occur were discussed.

Member Schineller asked if the Camp Operator could run the swimming program. He noted that swimming was also offered at the Fairbank Community Center, which might offer ADA compliance. Schineller reported on a conversation with Camp Operator Scott Brody and a review of the contract indicated the Camp Operator might be able to operate a public swimming program in the future.

Member Schineller reported on an update from Facilities Director Bill Barletta reporting on the security of the, including several cameras and two caretakers living on site, as well as evaluating the condition of the property, which reported on areas for potential updates, such as worn grass areas.

The desire to increase documentation of property usage, such as for inclusion in a table for analysis, was 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, which was color coded and incorporated feedback Town Manager Henry Hayes. Feedback from Camp Sewataro and further Town staff had been requested but was still to come.

The draft was reviewed to reconcile with the Property Management/Camp Operator Contract and feedback on items such as a prohibition of dogs, allowed hours of use, and typos were discussed.

Camp Sewataro Community Liaison Kristen Drummey clarified summer access hours and areas.

Discussion around permitting authority, and permissions and reservation process were discussed, including whose responsibility it would be to approve requests for use. Discussion around the Town Hall policy prohibiting religious uses was discussed and whether it should apply to the Sewataro property or not. The need for a process to make reservations, and consider group size, was discussed. Camp Sewataro Community Liaison Kristen Drummey provided comments about her role and the desire to streamline the process for Town staff. Setting criteria for approval or denial of a request to use the property to ensure transparency and fairness was discussed.

A use application form was discussed. Setting maximum capacity based on square footage was discussed.

Discussion around whether to seek profit/generate revenue or cover cost of services. Camp Sewataro Community Liaison Kristen Drummey requested to make clear that fees from events or public usage would not be collected by the Camp Operator/Property Manager, but would be kept by the Town.

The Select Board's Goals for Sewataro were reviewed.

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 PM.