

**RECREATION MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022, 7:00 AM VIA ZOOM REMOTE MEETING PLATFORM**

Pursuant to Gov. Baker's Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 modifying the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, the Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee, to ensure the safety of all participants, held its meeting remotely via Zoom. A link was provided for participation by members of the public in real time.

Members present: Melissa Crocker, Kelly Larocque, Trevor MacDonald, Shirley Small-Rougeau, Mark Ferris, Charlie Hipwood, Ben Polimer, Christopher Fitzgerald, Pete Foley.

Absent: Attia Linnard, Alex Cobb, Kate Carlson, Mike McGrath

Guest: Maija Cirulis-Gooch.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 AM.

Resident Comments: None.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 8 and April 25 meetings had not been distributed and were passed over until the June meeting.

Project plan and strategy for funding

This topic was passed over until the next meeting. Ms. Crocker asked Mr. Fitzgerald to invite Steve Ober, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, to attend that meeting and listen from the RMPSC about potential projects in the future that may seek CPC funding.

Town meeting, Pickleball article review and next steps

Committee members discussed the failed Article 26 at Annual Town Meeting. There was a general sense that it was the unfortunate victim of a town meeting that had numerous articles that people were opposed to and the mood advanced to Pickleball when it was proposed. Also, it was criticized by the Finance Committee for not being a CPC request.

Ms. Larocque and Mr. Fitzgerald reported on the Select Board meeting from May 17, where the SB voted on hosting a Fall special Town meeting on September 13. The primary reason for this is to accommodate the Memorial Pool Construction proposal but the Chair of CPC was present and asked about the possibility of considering Pickleball and others in order to make this a substitute for a normal fall Town Meeting. There is a sense that CPC may do a summer cycle and the RMPSC was encouraged to seek CPC funding and bring pickleball to September Town Meeting.

Other project updates

- Tennis Court Repair / Rehabilitation Study – Mr. Fitzgerald reported that a contract has been executed with Activitas; he and Mr. Polimer are coordinating schedules with the lead consultant to get this analysis started.
- High School/Middle School feasibility – no updates were reported.

Field and Grounds Report

Mr. Polimer reported that we are about 75% through the spring sports season. We are experiencing a mild drought so irrigation is running 3-days per week.

A fertilization application was applied to fields on April 20.

Mr. Hipwood reported that the infield renovations at Burchard Park seem to be working well as evidenced by field playability after a couple of recent rain storms.

Next meeting: Friday, June 17, 7 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 AM.