

Falmouth Recreation Committee Meeting DRAFT MINUTES
January 9, 2019

Present: Lori Dillon, Tom Zine, Bob Brown, Sandy Cuny

Absent: Richard Boles, Scott Ghelfi, Michael Heylin,

At 7:02 Bob Brown called the meeting to order.

Town Charter Review Correspondence:

Peter Clark invited the Recreation Committee or representatives to the CRC on January 14th or 28 but time will not allow this. Bob Brown will send written comment. Although some concern was expressed about checks and balances and communication difficulties, the consensus was that the charter was working fairly well for the committee.

Discuss Recreation Department two vacant positions of Assistant Director and Secretary; new programs and future Recreation Department grant requests:

Joe reported that a secretary has been hired.

Joe reported that interviews have been held for positions of Program Director. The committee was concerned that this position would be filled in lieu of an Assistant Recreation Director, this would be of questionable value to the Recreation Department and that this, along with other matters, such as the allocation of \$250,000 for Sandwich Road fields (while committee members spent time and energy seeking funding) was pursued without notification to or communication with the Recreation Committee.

A question arose about the Board of Selectmen meeting on 1/28. Was Michael Heylin representing the committee? Joe noted that Peter Johnson-Staub directed him to invite everyone on the committee to the meeting. What was the issue to be discussed? Bob Brown noted that Michael Heylin told him that he would be presenting his own issues as a private citizen and not representing the committee.

If Sandy Cuny has opportunity to speak to the Board of Selectmen and/or Julian Suso and Peter Johnson-Staub the committee agreed that she will express concerns that were in her letter about an Assistant Recreation Director being hired and communication and also seek approval for the playground from the Board of Selectmen.

Continue discussion from prior meetings and new information reports on the following matters:

- a. Town Recreation Field Use Cancellation Policies and Signage: If not already there, signs will be placed informing of no play when fields are wet.
- b. Upper Trotting Park and Sandwich Road Field Rehabilitation and Maintenance: The skate park is seeking a third bid and hoping the \$485,000 allocated is enough.
- c. 2019 Spring and Fall Field Use Schedules: Joe reported that discussions are ongoing with user groups regarding field options.
- d. 2019 Field Use Management Plan as suggested in the Athletic Field Master Plan Report by Gale Associates: Joe will ask if Jerimiah Pearson can update the committee.

- e. Taft Park in Woods Hole maintenance issues: Joe and Bob Brown will speak to representatives in the spring.
- f. Senior Center Construction and Recreation Dept. Parking Lot: Joe reported that the project is moving along quickly. Joe will investigate the lighting situation in the parking lot.

Review, Discussion and Vote Committee Minutes of December 12, 2018:

Sandy Cuny moved to approve with correction. Lori Dillon seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Items for future agenda: All purpose room redesign, Taft's Playground, Senior Center, Rec Committee website, CPC representative.

At 7:56 Lori Dillon moved to adjourn. Tom Zine seconded.

Relevant Documents

Agenda for 1/9/19 meeting

Falmouth Home Rule Charter

Letter to Board of Selectmen from Sandy Cuny

Draft Minutes 12/12/19

Email from Peter Clark regarding CRC