

**Falmouth Recreation Committee Meeting VOTED MINUTES**  
**March 11, 2020 - Gus Canty Community Center for**

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

Members Absent: Michael Heylin, Richard Boles

Also present: Richard Bailey, Laurie Brown, Commodores

At 7:04 Bob Brown called the meeting to order.

Discussion regarding Town recreation fields and grass turf maintenance

Richard Bailey expressed concern that the turf and grass fields were not being maintained to an acceptable standard of care. He offered technology and other suggestions including a robot that could mow fields at night. A concern arose about whether the DPW had adequate funding to maintain the fields.

Discussion regarding new artificial turf field at Falmouth High School for Public Schools and Recreation Department athletic programs

The committee was generally in favor of pursuing an additional field at the high school. Advantages included cost savings because land would not need to be cleared or roads built and the process could be quicker. Concern was expressed about availability of the potential field to the athletic programs offered by the Recreation Department. Presently it is hard for these programs to book time on the turf field. A grant application to the CPC may be sought for engineering/design. Could the \$250,000 that is usually allocated annually to the fields be used towards the turf field? This will be investigated.

Discussion and updates regarding Fuller Field including the baseball field renovations; new playground design, funding and construction; status of the Ray Pultz building and need for concessions and public handicap accessible restrooms at Fuller Field

- The Falmouth Road Race will donate funds to ensure that the playground is fully accessible. Playground is expected to be completed by July 1.
- Regarding funds leftover after completion of the Senior Center: The Recreation Committee could hone its fiduciary skills by keeping track of these funds.
- A committee is working on the Ray Pultz building situation.

Review issues and approve letter from Recreation Committee to Board of Select regarding Security equipment for newly renovated fields and skate park at Upper Trotting Park Fields and George Gaspa Sports Complex

Reviewed.

Discussion, plan and prepare for April 25, 2020 report to the Board of Select

Activities and accomplishments of the Recreation Department should be emphasized in the presentation. Plans will be finalized at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Recreation Director update on current, new and upcoming programs for Spring and Summer

Joe reported on the Days of Kindness project, Teen Extreme program, and other programs.

Items for future agenda, Recreation Department Budget, Interesting Correspondence and Building Use

Reviewed.

Review and approve the minutes from January 16, 2020

Sandy Cuny moved to approve as corrected. Scott Ghelfi seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

At 8:33 Scott Ghelfi moved to adjourn. Sandy Cuny seconded.

Relevant Documents

Documents compiled by Richard Bailey

Letter to Select Board re security

Budget

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