Recreation Commission Meeting June 21, 2018

Location: Recreation Department 327 First Parish Rd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jennifer McMellen, Dan Fennelly, Dave Mahery, Tara Connaughton (Wampatuck PTO) Paula Elsmore (Beach Commission), Maura Glancy, Tess Weafer, Nick Lombardo

The Selectman have elected Dave Mahery and Suzanne Brennan to the Recreation Board. Dave Mahery is familiar with Recreation Dept., Youth Center and Scituate Basketball Association. He also founded the Littles Shooters basketball program at Recreation.

Directors Report: Recreation has been broken into for the second time. They have destroyed a good part of the building now (library and kitchen). Neighbors have noticed open window in C wing. Libraries, Kitchen Room were destroyed. They’ve done fingerprints. Cameras were with schools and they are off. Police were here today. They are going to fix and turn the cameras back on. –Maura

This is the month of trainings. We certified everyone in CPR. 6/15 lifeguards met and did beach orientation beach. The 20th was first aid. June 25th is the big annual lifeguard training and mock drill. This is something Rec has done for the past several years from Sean Derosa who is an aquatics director. The beach mats have gone to the beaches thanks to the beach commission. Egypt has the boardwalk. The mats are down at Minot. Ms. McMellen- The mats are not only great for wheelchairs but for people with kids. Sandhills mats are on the second entrance. Pocket park is going in at Minot - Dan. Spring programs have completed. Mr. C’s has wrapped up for his 30th year. - Nick

Tara is here from Wampatuck PTO. Met with CPC for first time on June 11th. Playground is in disrepair. Pieces are falling apart. Metal mesh as holes in it. It is at such a stage of disrepair that is no longer able to be repaired. It started to come up last year as things started to get worse. Once it got on the radar of Superintendent Griffin things really started to get going. It is very expensive to build a playground nowadays. They have raised funds and saved with the PTO and it’s just not enough. It is one of those playgrounds in town that attracts a lot of people. They have filed a CPC application for the playground. At this point they have gotten really good feedback from CPC. Tara has a whole notes section of CPC, Met with Brad Washburn, Kevin Cafferty. Have received 4 quotes from vendors to help scope the project. Really just in the process of vetting it out and letting everyone know what is going on. They have had really good support. Meeting with PTO to see what they can do to put additional funds for it. Hope is during the summer they can meet with more boards. One of the requests of CPC was to sit down and meet with Recreation.

Jen - Not sure it is Recreation if it is unavailable 24/7, since its during school hours. The time in school really represents a small portion of when it can be used- Tara. One of the vendors that they are working with is Obrien and sons. They build a lot of playgrounds that are being built funded by CPC. The spirit of the policy is not to keep people off the playground but to prevent distractions. The footprint is smaller than the current playground in that spot. Dan- in the two years of working with CPC this is best documentation. Dan- big issue is funds coming from the school vs. funds coming from CPC. It has become a common reason why CPC vs school budget. It would be a big help if schools would put money into it. Dan - They are also putting in handicap access and may have to completely enclose it.

Who paid for Cushing playground? Tara - CPC and PTO. Cushing playground is solid. It is in great shape. It’s highly repairable and can be fixed. Tara- Jenkins is Little Techs commercial. If it breaks it can be fixed. $2,000 line itemed for playground repairs. Every member of the CPC asked questions about repairs and maintenance. Within the footprint of replacing the playground they’re putting in a brand new set of equipment. Childscapes has inspected playgrounds, no charge and will identify anything that needs to be fixed. They are very active. A lot of the costs are estimated. At its current state it is not good at all. It requires an upkeep and it is real important. Want to make the new playground very accessible and inclusive for everybody.

Commission- There needs to be a point person to talk to for a contact person for repairs, when it needs inspections, etc. Playground should be put into the budget for the schools.Tara- This did come up exactly at the CPC meeting. It is easy site work as well as the access to the parking lot. As well as the community is concerned, Tara has been in touch with Jeff Duggan from Disabilities. We (Tara) can’t apply for the grant, but the schools can. Tara- We want to be sure main access entrance/exit is on that side of the building.

Turf and Fields –

Talk about finalizing plan for the fields. Two years ago Rec Commission formed a Field- Use subcommittee. It was composed of every organization in town + schools. Over a period of two years information was gathered. A field study was done funded by the Rec Department. Over the years, a lot of are issues have been fixed with band aids. There are still questions on what schools are going to be open, senior center, etc. Dan is introducing plan to the commissions and the current field project. Main conclusion of the study is that the town needs more fields and a maintenance plan. Top priority- big issue with track/turf and girls softball.

If you need details you can go to the study that was done. Dan – It is a plan of where we are today with the fields. Dan- Believes Traverses estimated numbers are accurate as to what Scituate Little League had done. Not only locally, but nationwide do we compare to with not having enough fields. Maura, Nick, Tess, Bill are in the middle of picking the engineering for the field. It is down to Activitas and Gale. We’re meeting with them on Monday confirmed 9am-9:30am and 9:30am-10am.

Fields Fees -

We voted unanimously to increase the fees to $10 for the fields. Maura in the winter SBA was being charged only for weekend. Meeting goes into discussion about school policies in place for the gymnasiums. If an AAU team wants to use it. Dave & Jenn – think $125 would be reasonable. Coaches try to run clinics here and right now they really can’t. Dave – Field Bubble would be good for all year round usage on fields. That could be a whole new revenue stream. There would be clubs from all around that are looking to rent time. Flag football discussion ensues. Pricing discussion with turf, grass fields and veterans gymnasium takes places. $10 is going up all around to all fields. Discussion about $25/hr. during week/$50/ hr. weekends for gym. Maura - Roughly $900 we take in per week. Discussion about $150/ for for-profit organizations. Next meeting commission will vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35.