

Recreation Commission Meeting

September 19, 2018 @ Recreation Department

327 First Parish Rd. Scituate MA 02066

In attendance: Mary Jenkins, Sally Jenkins, Aurora Avallone, Suzanne Brennan, Dan Fennelly, Dave Mahery, Scott McFadden, Anne-Marie Runfolo, Al Kazlousky.

- Mr. Fennelly makes a motion to call meeting to order at 6:36pm.
- Mr. Fennelly introduces the McDonald Property offer to the Town.
- Mary Jenkins – started this with CPC passed back in 2002. It's been quite a long time and pulling everything together. The price is right and parcels are in line. The back portion is the original planned farm approved by the Town and these are the last pieces undeveloped that are in front of CPC. The outline of the trail is what they worked on in 2010 to put that together for educational/recreational/scientific study/ecology, etc. It is a great project for Scituate and 1st Cliff Community. This past week Mary Jenkins got \$10,000 pledged for signage trail work after the acquisitions. Annemarie introduces that project as NOAA (National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration) sees it. It is a way to connect. Would be such an exciting partnership with NOAA and the Town. NOAA plans to renovate boathouse and upgrade research space. It will be more inviting for the public and schools (field trips). It would be a great benefit to the community. It is unbelievable opportunity that we cannot let go. Ms. Avallone – It would be a great spot for field trips or programs. Recreation could take advantage of that in the summer with somewhere to go for the programs.
- Building on it, is unknown. The town believes there is buildable land there. A lot of conservation. Mr. Fennelly – the intent behind the purchase is for recreation. The land is pretty diverse. There is space and it has a lot of flexibility with what can be done with it and what is put on it. Title search and selling price are the only two questions that will have to be answered.

VOTE: Suzanne motion, Dan seconds, All in favor of letter of support for the McDonald Property.

Director's Report: - Field Update

Meeting is next week 9.25 for the Field Restoration project. Pieces of turf are falling off now and being glued down. It is a mess. Turf is 14 years old with a life expectancy of 11 years old. There is an aggressive timeline with the field plan. The field project will go on capital. Fall Field space conflicts have been resolved. Fall programming discussion ensues. Programming has been going great. Recreation has ordered new spin bikes which will be coming at the end of October.

Old/New Business

New business, Mr. Fennelly is looking at getting design estimate for JV baseball field. There is already \$130,000 allotted for a softball field in that location. The Rec Commission would have to vote to send the money back. It would have to be reallocated for JV baseball field at Central. Mr. Fennelly would like to submit a CPC application for JV Baseball Field design/construction at Central Field.

Vote on Minutes

- Motion to accept Recreation August 2018 minutes accepted. Suzanne Brennan motions, All in favor.
- Motion to accept Recreation July 2018 minutes accepted. Suzanne Brennan motions, All in favor.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.