

**RECREATION MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 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, Alex Cobb, Shirley Small-Rougeau, Kate Carlson, Mark Ferris, Charlie Hipwood, Attia Linnard, Mike McGrath, Ben Polimer, Christopher Fitzgerald.

Absent: Pete Foley.

Guest: Patrick McGuire (Activitas), Stephen Cissafulli (Activitas), Meghan Donahoe (Activitas)

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 AM.

Resident Comments: None.

Pickleball Feasibility.

Mr. McGuire presented an update on his progress after site visits with Mr. Polimer and Mr. Fitzgerald. More detailed discussion focused on the proposals at Burchard Park and Melone Field, with numerous committee members expressing that they were expecting one location to be their clear favorite but like what they've learned about the other. Three different scenarios were presented to Burchard Park, but the option with six courts shown in a wooded area just north of the entrance to the north parking area, hereafter called "BP3", attracted the most interest.

Warrant article language for design fee request was also discussed, considering that RMPSC was undecided between these two locations. It was pointed out that Mr. MacDonald, Ms. Larocque and Mr. Fitzgerald presented the design fee request to the Finance Committee on the previous night, using article language that was developed based on advice of the Town Manager. This language did not specify a location. Noting the deadline for warrant article language is March 22, the Committee moved to vote on such language.

VOTE

Motion: To approve the language as written in the draft warrant article currently submitted to the Town Manager, with the ability to change the amount up to \$100,000 to match the estimate at the conclusion of the current feasibility study.

Moved: Mr. MacDonald; Second: Mr. Hipwood.

Roll call vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Motion carries unanimously.

VOTE

Motion: To direct Activitas to direct more detailed analysis on the Melone Field and BP3 options.

Moved: Mr. MacDonald; Second: MR. Cobb.

Roll Call Vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Motion carries unanimously.

Further discussion directed Activitas to begin working with Ms. Crocker and Mr. Fitzgerald to begin preparing for and scheduling public input efforts.

Memorial Pool

Mr. Fitzgerald did not present on the Memorial Pool but did note that Finance Committee supported the project unanimously, however, the design is behind schedule and it won't be possible to have bids-in-hand by Town Meeting. There was a long discussion about this at Permanent Building Committee on March 16; PBC has some oversight because of new small buildings being proposed. PBC recommended delaying this proposal until November Town Meeting. Recreation Commission has not met to consider and make a decision on this request, but an already established project working group is scheduled to meet to discuss this further.

Future meetings

The next meeting will be Friday, April 8, 2022 at 7 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 AM.