

**WESTON RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019 7:00 PM
WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

Members Present: Eric Rosenthal (chair) Xinsheng Zhu, Julie Johnstone, and Melissa Crocker

Absent: Elly Pendergast, Trevor MacDonald, Marcie Dorna

Staff: Chris Fitzgerald (Director), Sharon Locke (Assistant Director)

Resident Comments: No resident comments

Position on 751-761 Boston Post Road

Chris Fitzgerald

An application has been submitted for ZBA, mostly a 1-2-bedroom site with a larger focus on 1 bedroom. There will be an outdoor pool and a gym. Mr. Fitzgerald has asked the Recreation Commission to compose a statement or position regarding the plans of this property.

Discussion took place among the Recreation Commission. The following concerns were raised:

- Will there be an increase in the demand for recreational programming? Can the current Community Center handle this demand?
- What will it do to the sight lines from the Rail Trail?
- How will the development compound traffic in town?
- Since this is affordable housing will the Recreation Department need to increase scholarship money?

Statement from the Recreation Department concerning the 751-761 Boston Post Road

Property: "The Weston Recreation Commission is concerned that existing programming maybe stretched and if scholarships increase the Recreation Department may have to ask for more money from the town and the sharing of space with the COA may become impossible."

Note: At 7:25 PM, Ms. Crocker left the meeting to convey this position at another meeting being held simultaneously on this topic. At this point, a quorum was no longer present.

Minutes: The May minutes have been passed over until next meeting when a quorum is present.

Updates

Chris Fitzgerald

- **Summer Programs & Facilities:** The Pool opened with no set backs this year. Small pieces of playground equipment (see-saw, tunnel, and digger) were installed in the sand box. Recreation has sold 42 non-resident family passes to the pool and 2 individual non-resident family passes to the pool. Mr. Rosenthal would like to see the sponsorship option publicized more. Mr. Rosenthal would also like an update on the food truck at the next meeting. Camps have been filling up fast. Revenue was up \$100,000 in March over the prior year. Mr. Rosenthal would like a report as to how many pool members are not enrolled in camp. There is a pool tour set for the Recreation Commission in July.
- **Rail Trail:** The work on Conant Road is moving at a good pace. There will be an opening event in the fall. The Rail Trail Committee is looking for a date to hold the opening event.
- **Recreation Master Plan:** The RMPSC delayed their planned June public input session until the fall, they needed more detailed information and a better vision for the Master Plan before presenting to the public. They will work with consultants over the summer and host the planned public input session in the fall.

Next meeting – There will be no meeting in July due to the pool tour. Mr. Fitzgerald will send out possible dates for a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.