

**RECREATION MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019, 7:00 AM
WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER
20 ALPHABET LN., WESTON, MA 02493**

Members Present: Alex Cobb, Melissa Crocker, Trevor MacDonald, Charlie Hipwood, Kristin Barbieri, Michelle Callanan, Ben Polimer, Christopher Fitzgerald, Pete Foley

Members absent: John Power, Mark Ferris, Mike McGrath

The meeting commenced at 7:05 AM

Public Comments – None

Minutes

The minutes from the August 20 were reviewed and approved.

The minutes from September 5 were reviewed and approved.

The minutes from September 7 were reviewed and approved.

Recreation Master Plan

The committee reviewed and discussed information learned from the two public meetings held earlier in September. In general, it was felt that the September 5 meeting was focused on costs although there were some good comments worth considering.

Mr. Cobb noted that at a high level of the Master Plan, it should prioritize big picture infrastructure. For example, in the Middle School – the main gym, lockers, and bigger picture new stuff. Perhaps its worthwhile to link any new facilities with upgrades to existing – for example, if a new pool is created perhaps locker rooms could be included to replace the existing ones with functional issues.

Parking may be added to the High School not part of this master plan but because of a newly identified parking situation. This will add to accessibility, but also increase maintenance.

Mr. Fitzgerald read the email in attachment 1 where a member of the Planning Board suggested looking into providing a boathouse on a piece of town owned land on Norumbega Rd. near the Charles River and working with DCR to create a boat launch on a parcel that they own. After some discussion, the Committee didn't think it was worth consideration as none of the input garnered thus far indicated that there was a need or desire for more boat access to the Charles River.

The Committee would like to see the consultants actually write the Master Plan and should start with infrastructure and maintenance, then identify the most important things from data (access, circulation) and finally identify the potential needs.

The next draft that RMPSC sees should include these priorities along with maintenance budgets, showing what it's going to cost to maintain the current level of quality. They should also show what would be CPC eligible.

Proctor Field Bathroom

As previously discussed, there are problems with the doors. Facilities department is potentially working on temporary hinges for the fall season and have a more permanent fix in the spring.

Field and Grounds update

Available in Attachment 2.

Attachment 1: Email from planning board member, Leslie Glynn, via Town Planner, Imaikalani Aiu.

From: Aiu, Imaikalani

Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 4:43 PM

To: Fitzgerald, Christopher <fitzgerald.c@westonmass.org>

Subject: REc Center Master Plan

Hi Chris

I let my Board know about the Rec Center Master Plan at our meeting last night. One member, Leslie Glynn, will be out of town this week but wanted to give the following comment.

There is supposedly town owned land along Norumbega Road, on the non river side of the Charles that could be leveraged to give residents more recreational opportunities to the water by providing a boathouse and working with DCR to create a boat launch. This could dovetail nicely into work the Solomon foundation is doing to reestablish trail connections to the duck feeding (or not duck feeding by the signs) area at the South Ave bridge from Riverside and the park are along recreation road and eventually to South Ave assuming a multi-use path comes in with resurfacing. A good way to leverage the land area and reconnect Weston to the Charles.

Thank you, hope the rest of the process is going well.

Imaikalani Aiu

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Attachment 2: Field and Grounds update.

Fields and Grounds Coordinator Update- September 20th, 2019

- Fields are mowed weekly, lawn areas bi weekly.
- Fields are being lined weekly for fall sports, trash pickup, cleaning of Proctor Field bathrooms, etc.
- Coordinated mosquito spraying around school grounds. Worked with Board of Health, School Administration, Facilities Department, Middlesex County Mosquito Control. HS/MS Complex was sprayed the night of September 19th.
- Continuing working new Case Campus buildings and wayfinding signs. Installation is 75% complete.
- Working with on RMP with Rec Director, Facilities Deputy Director of Capital Projects and consultant.
- Attended evening public meeting for Master Plan on September 5th.
- Proctor Field, Pastor Park, Field #6 Irrigation construction started June 7th, 2019. Project is 95% complete.
- Working on department 20-year tree and site evaluations for all outdoor town facilities. This includes drainage, pavement, tree pruning/removals, stone walls, etc.
- Monitor and treat poison ivy at Lamson Park as needed.
- Assisted Recreation Department with 9/11 flag display on Town Green.
- Reseeded eroded areas at WAIC, added erosion mat per Con Com.
- Field 1 and Proctor field were deep cleaned on August 16th.
- Contractor has finished on installing handicap parking stalls, new sidewalk and entranceway from the student lot at the HS to Pastor Park. School grounds will install plantings in the middle of September.
- Securing purchase orders for FY20 capital equipment that will include and mid-sized zero turn mower, tractor attachments, and a ride on fertilizer spreader.
- Finished late summer pruning and hedge trimming.
- Sidewalk cracks, invasive plants, poison ivy, infields, tree rings, parking lot islands were sprayed with herbicide as needed.
- Invasives were sprayed at Case Estates buildings, and around some Case Estate tree plantings per Con Com request.
- Coordinated efforts to install security cameras at Proctor Field. School Grounds installed conduit into Musco poles.
- Removing bees nests around town properties as needed.
- 2 School Grounds vehicles were sent to auto body shop for body work
- Bids for core aeration and deep tine aeration have come back. Scheduled for October.
- Slice seeding thin lawns around town including town hall, middle school, WAIC, field 6.
- Core aeration of lawns will begin shortly.
- School Grounds repaired miscellaneous fences around HS/MS.
- Biweekly spreading of seed on high use fields has started with fall sports.