



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Town of Hopedale – Recreational Field Ad Hoc Committee

Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Meeting Location: Trinity Episcopal Church
Upper Parish Hall
17 Congress Street
Milford, MA 01757

Attendees: Derek Atherton, Michael Bresciani, Joseph Drugan, James Fitch, David Gugliemi, Brian Keyes, Jennifer McKeon, Mac Murray, Keith Smith, Brandt, Wajda

Absent: Tasha Griffin, Lori Hampsch

Guests: Lisa Alberto

Call to order 7:00 pm – Trinity - Upper Parish Hall

A. Consent Items

1. Approval of October 9, 2018 Minutes – **APPROVED Unanimous**

B. New Business

1. First order for chairman
 - i. Provide maps for the land parcels in question for our fields discussions
2. Land Discussion
 - i. Bresciani - Open space study suitability study, and zoning map from 2004 which also has maps and suitability
 - ii. Town owned land behind the high school - parcel in question, how big is it? Is it usable??
 - iii. Pinecrest parcel - most challenging according to Dave Guglielmi
 - iv. Harmony - Lot A (13.5 acres) Freeman McVitty property - (8.5 acres)
 1. 2006 - petroleum issues in lot A, was cleared by EPA - deemed 'OK'
 - v. What are our usable parcels for recreation?
 1. Hopedale Golf Course - is there any opportunities there? Potential of 100 acres of unused land, can we access that?
 - a. Dave G - how would we access that land?
 - vi. Dave G - let's focus on the land we know are available
3. Mike B - let's focus on the needs assessment of the youth leagues and residents

- i. Derek - presents wish list for High School
 - 1. multi purpose turf field with with lights
 - 2. fencing, 6 lane track with areas for javelin, shot put, etc
 - ii. 2.5 acres needed for turf field with track, additional for parking etc
 - iii. Brian K - 27.5 acres of donated land at Draper will be maintained by Rockwell for 25 years
 - 1. Phillips - how much acreage?
- 4. Derek - outside company can come in and perform analysis of exactly what we can do with our land and how the acreage would fit our needs
- 5. From school perspective - Draper is best option based on location, since Mellen land is not close to downtown, and could cause traffic and infrastructure issues
- 6. Jim A - 2007 survey looked at Draper for town resident recreation (Walking trails, bike trails, etc)
- 7. LOT A - earlier analysis claims it is only good for a practice field
 - i. with steep slope makes it risky for some other uses
 - ii. 2007 survey looks at possible needs in town
- 8. Jim A - recommends professional company putting together a survey, or resending older survey
 - i. 1995 - original survey
 - ii. Survey put together by Jim A
 - iii. recommendations include keeping it short and sweet, and allowing space for people to include their own free text and comments
 - iv. Make survey available for December 10 Urban Renewal Plan
 - v. Develop a survey for Survey Monkey
 - vi. provide survey for non-electronic response (includes Hopedale newspaper, town hall)
 - vii. LOOKING FOR RESPONSE IN EARLY DECEMBER
- 9. Dave G - Central Mass Planning potentially has topography maps
 - i. Brandt Wanda may have access to topography info

C. Old Business

D. Public and Board Member Comments

E. Correspondence and Committee Informational Items

- 1. Large Format Map from Matthew Franz, GISP - GIS Analyst – CMRPC through Teresa M. Gonsalves, MAA – Town of Hopedale Principal Assessor

F. Requests for Future Agenda Items

- 1. Committee agrees to have two professional companies present their capabilities at our upcoming December meeting

G. Establishment of Next Meeting Date

- 1. Target date Dec 4-5 2018 for next meeting at Hopedale HS

H. Adjournment