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Town of Hopedale – Recreational Field Ad Hoc Committee

Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, December 18, 2018

Meeting Location - Hopedale High School class room

Call to order 6:30pm

Attendees

- Committee: Mac Murray, Jim Abbruzzese, Keith Smith, Derek Atherton, Mike Bresciani, David Guglielmi, Lori Hampsch, Jim Fitch
- Public: Brian Murray
- Absent: Brian Keyes, Brandt Wajda, Tasha Griffin, Joe Drugan, Jennifer McKeon,

Approval of Dec 5, 2018 meeting minutes – unanimously approved

Current Status of community survey

- Jim Abbruzzese presented the updated survey results with the an additional 60 responses since the Dec 5 meeting 186 to date). There was little change the overall sentiment from the town. The new responses were in line with the majority of the previous responses.
- Jim Fitch has worked with the Town Crier and arranged for the survey to be published in the February edition with an article about the committee and survey. This paper is distributed all Hopedale residents.
- Survey to be closed on Feb 28, 2019

Review of feasibility quotes

- The quotes from both CDM Smith and Gales Associates were reviewed in detail and were close in price though both did not include the same number of parcels of land. This will be reviewed with both companies to ensure comparisons are fair and consistent.
- The review included a discussion about finding the funding from various groups and departments with the desire to have the first phase of a feasibility study completed in time for the committee's presentation at the annual town meeting in May 2019. There was a sense that the \$25k needed for the study 5 sites could be funded from multiple sources. The 5 sites include Draper Field, Phillips Field, land near the High School, Lot A in the Harmony neighborhood and Town Park.

- Derek Atherton to contact Joe Early regarding funding from the No Drugs Yes Activities program.
- Mike Bresciani looked in to state grants and found that not much was available to towns with fewer than 25,000 residents.
- Other groups to be contacted by various committee members include the HHS Alumni Association, School Committee, Hopedale Youth Baseball, Hopedale Youth Softball, Milford Hopedale Youth Soccer, Boosters, Pace, Hopedale Foundation
- Phase 2 of the feasibility study, which would include a deeper dive (environmental) was estimated to cost \$100k or more. Brian Murray suggested that he could budget this in the FY 2019 State budget that would become available in July 2019.

Upcoming Action Items

- Invite Karla Hopkins to come to the January Meeting to discuss Financial Issues
- Present status of the committee's work to the Selectmen at their January 28, 2019 Meeting

Next Meeting Date

- Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:30pm in Hopedale High School Multi-Purpose Room

Adjourn 8:00pm