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Town of Hopedale – Recreational Field Ad Hoc Committee

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Meeting Location - Hopedale High School class room

Call to order 6:40pm

Attendees

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

Lacking a quorum, no votes were taken, discussion only

Current Status of community survey

- Jim Fitch submitted an article about the committee and survey to the Hopedale Paper and arranged for the survey to be published in the February edition with an article. This paper is distributed all Hopedale residents.
- Survey to be closed on Feb 28, 2019

Discussion of feasibility quotes

- Discussed both the revised CDM Smith and Gales Associates Feasibility Study quotes
- Decision as to which to choose tabled till we have a quorum

Discussion of Funding

- Discussed the progress toward funding from various groups and departments with the continued 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.
 - The School Committee met and has committed \$25,000
 - Softball has committed \$1,000
 - Boosters have committed \$100

- Derek has filed the paperwork with Joe Early and we expect to receive between \$1,000 and \$2,000
- The potential for a CHNA6 grant was discussed
 - Grants up to \$10,000 are available if the proposal meets a Priority Area Goal:
 - PRIORITY AREA 1: CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION Goal: Create healthier communities and prevent chronic disease by improving nutrition and increasing physical activity.
 - PRIORITY AREA 4: ACCESS Goal: Increase availability, knowledge, and use of services and resources that promote health, wellness, and access for vulnerable populations in CHNA6 communities.
 - Letter of intent to apply for these grants is due by February 1.
- No additional information about other groups to be contacted by various committee members, including the HHS Alumni Association, Hopedale Youth Baseball, Milford Hopedale Youth Soccer, 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.

Suggested future schedule / actions

- Select the Feasibility Study Contractor
- Present status to BOS
- Execute contract for Feasibility Study
- Schedule a Community Outreach Meeting (Public meeting to gather input)
- Work on the potential funding sources
- Prepare for Town Meeting in May

Upcoming Action Items

- Fr. Mac to meet with Steve Sette to review current progress and plans
- Pick the Feasibility Study Contractor at our next meeting
- Invite Karla Hopkins to discuss Financial Issues
- Present status of the committee's work to the Selectmen at their February 4, 2019 Meeting

Next Meeting Date

- Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 6 pm in Hopedale High School Multi-Purpose Room

Adjourn 7:30 pm