

Master Plan Committee
October 3, 2017

Present

Dan Hart
Jim Maher
Tracey White
Stephanie Radner
Mac Sterling
Bob Stanley as Director of Parks & Recreation - Secretary
Richard McCarthy, Town Planner

Absent

Clarissa Robin
J. Kevin Hughes

D. Hart started the meeting at 7:05, and asked for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the Las Vegas shooting that was on October 1, 2017.

Public Comment

Fred Civian from the Open Space, stated that he has been working on the Goals and Objectives Matrix and chapter 6.

Brian O'Connell stated he was representing Dedham Boys & Girls lacrosse, he states that lacrosse needs a home field, and that he wanted it on record that lacrosse needs a field that is dedicated to just them as it is only a three month sport, he was disappointed that Gonzalez Field was lined for soccer and not lacrosse.

D. Hart stated that he understands his frustration, however that would be better to attend a Parks & Recreation meeting, and discuss with the Commissioners.

A resident asked if there would be any handouts. D. Hart stated that what they would be working on is still only a draft, so not at this time.

Minutes

May 30, 2017 – J. Maher made a motion to accept the minutes, as written, S. Radner asked why Horsley & Whitten were doing the minutes, and it was explained that was part of the scope of the RFP. M. Sterling second the motion to accept the minutes as written.

All voted approval of minutes as written, with D. Hart abstaining

Review & Discussion of Master Plan draft

Craig Carley from Horsley and Whitten presented a 175 page draft to the Committee J. Maher noticed that the number one priority was to do the school fields, however this committee has no jurisdiction on those fields.

Committee Members went page by page and made edits and corrections to the Draft of the Report.

J. Maher stated that the finance committee had mentioned that they wanted to see the Report, before they could move forward on the Manor Fields Project.

S. Radner stated that the reason for doing Park & Recreation & Open Space together, was so that things would be parallel.

Steering Committee will meet in two weeks and Horsley & Whitten will send information as it is completed.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Discussion

R. McCarthy stated that there is some confusion as to who is responsible for which pieces belong to which group. S. Radner is the point person for Open Space and J. Maher is the point person for Parks & Recreation. D. Hart is the Chairman of the Steering Committee.

J. Maher stated that the Steering committee under D. Hart as the Chairman would report to Parks & Recreation, for approval and then to Open Space for approval. Then Parks & Recreation will report to Town Meeting.

Discussion of how and when the final project would be handled.

D. Hart asked if R. McCarthy would be available and if Town Council should be asked about the combining of funds and what that means. R. McCarthy stated he was available and didn't think Town Council needed to be asked.

Motion to adjourn by J. Maher, second by T. White all voted in favor to close meeting at 9:35 pm