

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE
March 9, 2016 6:30 pm
Town Hall Conference Room**

Attendees: Dennis Visconti, Chairman, Steve Sylvester, Stephen McDonough, Therese DiBlasi, Aldo Ursino, Bill Previdi, Jack Bracciotti, , James Sarno arrived at 7:00pm

Absent members:, Maura Campbell, Julie Boussy

1. RE: Ice Skating Arena –We are pleased to announce that the arena’s ice will be drained and replaced just before the arena re-opens. This work will be done from April 17, to June 1st, 2016, in which the arena will be closed. Also at the same time the rubber flooring will be replaced with new rubber flooring, along with painting lobby, locker rooms and bleachers. Assistance will be given from the Middlesex County Inmates to help paint. Painting will also be done around showers and the compressors will get their annual shutdown maintenance. All customers will receive their final ice invoices and the arena’s goal is to have all ice payments collected by May 30, 2016. Bill Previdi is working with T. A. on the solar panel prospect for the arena which will take some time.

2. RE: There are interviews now being held for a Recreation Director, the top 13 applications were accepted for an interview, which will equip Stoneham’s youth with a great recreational program, and start it from the ground up. Hopefully one of these top 13 applicants will be hired in Mid-March.

3. RE: Field Permits- Steve Sylvester brought up a good point; that field permits should not be given out for Adult Sport and Little League sport in the same park and game time. This is to avoid accidental injury to children. For example “ the adult softball is going on while children softball is going on. A pop fly from adult softball lands in the field of the little league, which may cause serious harm.” Therese DiBlasi would hope that the Boys and Girls Club does not have priority over the town of Stoneham Fields. She would also like to see Summer Parks Program come back so the kids of Stoneham will have more extra activity in the summer time. Dennis Visconti would like to see if he can put permit pricing list in the Stoneham Sun and information pertaining to going about getting a field permit. The Committee also discussed what was spent on field permits.

4. RE: Golf Courses – There was a Motion to recommend the section of the contract Relocation of Clubhouse section 3.7 be removed. Motion was passed and Board of Selectman will be CC'd. We feel it was a late provision that was added to the contract during the final contract negotiations, and Sterling Management expressed their concerns as well. The Unicorn Golf Course has found a website that is not made from Unicorn Golf Course and is providing false information, the police have been notified.

5. RE: Dog Park: Maura Campbell is doing a great job as always with finding out much more how Stoneham can be a town just like other towns that have a Dog Park. More information will be available on Maura's return but our analysis still continues looking for a perfect area to accommodate this park with parking for the dog owners as well.

6. RE: OS&R Annual Report: The Committee would like to work on an Open Space & Recreational Annual Report since we feel the town is overdue for a report of this kind. M.C will evaluate the Dog Park, D.V will evaluate the Arena & B.P will evaluate the Golf Course.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Submitted by: Aldo Ursino