

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE  
September 14, 2016 6:30 pm  
Town Hall Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Dennis Visconti, Chairman, Stephen McDonough, Aldo Ursino, David Goodberg,

Therese DiBlasi, James Sarno, Maura Campbell, Cynthia Hemenway Steve Sylvester & Jack Bracciotti

**Guests:** Steve Angelo, Recreation Director, Patricia Walsh, Chairwomen of the Finance & Advisory Board & Stephen Dapkiwicz, of the Finance & Advisory Board

**Absent Guests:** Bill Previdi will be leaving OSR Committee and we wish him the best and appreciate his incite through the years on the OSR.

**\*A Motion was held:** S.Sylvester made a motion that the town initiate appropriation to have the portion of land behind the Senior Cent the portion adjacent parking lot designated for the future Dog Park in which is needed and wanted by the 2000 and more dog owners of Stoneham. The footage and map can be provided to clear any questions of the square footage needed. The motion passed unanimously.

**1. RE:** Ice Skating Arena –A Solution to the Arena’s badly needed repairs such as a needed ice floor system; raising the ice time rates is a must; in which it could repay 1.5 bond issued for 30 years has been on hold and may not be needed until a clear precise engineering estimate of the Arena is done. A 10 dollar increase has been approved so far. TA would like more transparency for the Arena, and an engineer can give us the scenario we need. Aldo Ursino is looking into sign bylaws for a sponsor to maybe name the Arena with a large Free Standing Illuminating Sign, for example if a bank like blank bank wanted to be our sponsor we will call the Arena “The Blank Bank Arena of Stoneham”, and the sign will be able to be seen from the highway 93 and Montvale Ave.

**2. RE:** Play Grounds/ Field Permits & Recreation- Steve Angelo Rec. Dir is looking forward to town day to inform Stoneham residents about is recreational programs, also he will be making Stoneham Recreation sweaters, with neck zippers.. He is working very hard and proposing many events w/schools like fencing & collaborating with coaches for other events. He would also like to get a golf club recreation going next year, photography and yoga just to name a few Regarding Pomeworth field S.Sylvester stated that he would like to see an old JV field section of Pomeworth that is not being used be turned into a AAU field for the youth baseball league. Dave Goodberg and Steve Angelo will collaborate to try to create a layout for the Town web site to be connected to the Stoneham Recreation Web site, to incorporate them if you will.

**3. RE:** Golf Courses – Sterling is in the process of Changing sprinkler heads. 60 heads have been replaced so far could be another 130 heads to go. Outside fuel

tank for the Golf Course details are still being determined for the most suitable size and cost. The more investment that is put into the Golf Course the more it pays for itself and revenue for the town, the golf courses are a success for its first year, even though working with old infrastructure and a drought, and we at the OSR are amazed of the success.

**4. RE:** Community Compact- The town is waiting on the completion of the project and submission to Division of Local Services of an OSR report and results. Outline of the project is now being looked at by the town and will start the project soon. We at the OSR will be getting input from Erin Wortman sometime this year regarding the progress if any with the OSR Plan.

**5. RE:** Dog Park- Please see \* Motion above under Heading RE: Dog Park. Maura Campbell informed the committee grants are possible for the Dog Park but the Town has to be committed to an area first. A 501 3c can be started then also , but it may have an expense in itself, an escrow account may be better to maintain Dog Park. We will know more by the end of the year to the start of next year on the subject.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM Submitted by: Aldo Ursino