

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Dec 9, 2015 6:30pm

Town Hall Conference Room

Attendees: **Dennis Visconti, Chairman,** Stephen McDonough, Aldo Ursino, Bill Previdi, Therese DiBlasi, Jack Bracciotti, Steve Slyvester, Maura Campbell arrived at 6:45pm

Absent members: Joanne St. Pierre, James Sarno, Julie Boussy

Guest: Ann Marie O'Neill, Selectwomen

1. RE: Ice Skating Arena – LED lighting was installed, which are brighter for the Arena and will be more cost effective. Also a motion was held and passed unanimously regarding Solar Panels for the Arena. Installed by Northern Energy Service in conjunction with EverSource interest free for 24 months is a great savings for the town all around.
2. Speakers have been ordered since the Arenas speakers are 20 years old and not in good shape at all, should be in very soon. Mass Inter-scholastic Association (M.I.A.A) may be committed for this season for ice time, but still no information in yet.
3. Ann Marie O'Neill was present and updated us on the Electronic Billboard Stoneham may have off Rt 93 opposite of BJ's sign, and there will be no obstruction. It will be financially feasible at a 50 year lease at a new development site called "Smitty's Way."
4. There will be a hiring search for a recreational director whom will equip Stoneham's youth with a great recreational program.
5. RE: Golf Courses –B. Previdi informed us as another bid has been put in, & Bids are due Dec 18th as advertised through central registry.
6. Bids are reviewed for the best candidate. The Committee as a whole agrees that it's vital that rounds must be kept tracked of. It is the biggest concern, and the committee all agree that any technology possible is needed to keep track of rounds.

7. A recreation plan in which the town planner has is in place, is underway. So far a plan could take 3 years of which 18 months of assessing has been done. T. DiBlasi, S. Slyvester & other members agree we must stay the course and allow this assessment to be completed, it may be beneficial for the town when it is done. Beneficial in the sense of special grants given to the town to be used for the upkeep and modernization for our fields, etc, etc.

8. RE: Dog Park: M. Campbell is doing a great job with finding out much more how Stoneham can be a town just like other towns that have a Dog Park. Social sites is the way to get people involved to support such a park and also receive funds be a social media site to get the ball rolling in its first stages to make a Dog Park. Funds will be used for a fence in the area, to place dog water bubblers in, posts with poop bags, and a wonderful dog activity playground/track. E.g., a large tube for dogs to go through, and other fun obstacles dogs love, or maybe one great obstacle.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Submitted by: Aldo Ursino