

Open Space and Recreation Committee  
February 11, 2013

Members Present:

Robert Sweeney, Dennis Visconti, Stephen McDonough, Therese DiBlasi, Angelika Paul, Maureen Houghton, James Sarno,

Guest: Ellen McBride, David Ragucci

Excused: Stephen Sylvester, Joanne St. Pierre, Joan DiGiulio, Denise Healy

Ms. Houghton opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Introductions were made. Mr. Ragucci asked to discuss the land swap regarding the Par 3

He stated it costs 85K to operate the Oaks – to do the land swap it has to be equal or greater value re Brookbridge Road. He stated it would take 750K for driving range on Par - with practice golfing and pitch & putt. Golf on downside, no personal interest in it. Wants to land swap for Brookbridge and use Par 3 for business use such as medical and/or educational use. Needs 2/3 of Conservation. It was estimated that there could be 12 house lots. Did appraisal – the Par 3 is land locked there is a question of a drive through road through arena. Would lease it not sell.

Discussion ensued re a second sheet of ice – he estimates it would cost 2 million to put in new rink. Discussion ensued re no hotel or office/ need of conservation easement – no Costco and/or casino – 6 acres behind cemetery – who owns it? He'll do title. No going through Butler Ave No thoughts on what to do with Brookbridge - ? leave fallow. A NH developer wants to do office park to Oaks such as Wellington and Colonial

Mr. Sweeney joined the meeting and discussed different open space/recreation possibilities for the Oaks.

Dissuasion ensued relative to the fact there has been a decline in golf income due to weather and disposable income.

Mr. McDonough voted to table the further discussion re the land swap, Mr. Visconti seconded the motion.

Next meeting at March, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Maureen Houghton