

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Sept 9, 2015 6:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Dennis Visconti, Stephen Mc Donough, Aldo Ursino, Bill Previdi, Joanne St. Pierre, Steve Sylvester, James Sarno (after 7:15), Julie Boussy, Jack Bracciotti, Therese DiBlasi, Maura Campbell

Absent members: Julie Boussy

Non Members present: Edie Previdi, Caroline Colarusso

1. Minutes of the Aug. 11 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
2. C. Colarusso stated that the Bd. of Selectmen are interested in reinstating the position of Recreation Director for the Town of Stoneham.
3. C. Colarusso also discussed the possibility of creating a dog park somewhere in Stoneham. The site of the park is yet to be determined.
4. J. St. P. gave an update on the status of the Golf Courses RFP. To date there have been 4 parties who have picked up the RFP package.
5. The Selection "committee" members will be made up of members of several Town Boards including Dennis Visconti and Bill Previdi from the OS & R Committee. The "committee" will assist the Town Administrator in evaluating the proposals received for the Golf Course Lease/Management.
6. D.V. gave a report on the aging accounts receivables at the Stoneham Arena. The Committee expressed concern that some of the amounts owed are very old, going back to 2008 and appear to be uncollectable as some of the leagues and groups that owe money no longer exist.
7. S. McD. Presented a proposal to establish liaisons within the OS&R Committee which would have responsibilities for different areas that the OS&R Committee are charges with advising on.

These areas might include:

- Open Space
- Arena
- Golf
- Recreation
- Dog Park

The areas may expand or contract as the needs of the Town change.

8. S. McD. Made a motion to agree to establish the Liaison structure for the OS&R Committee. The motion passed unanimously by those present (J. Bracciotti was absent for the vote).
9. J St. P asked if it was possible to define the responsibilities of the Liaisons. Several members offered examples of what they thought would be expected of the Liaisons including gathering information from their assigned areas and reporting back to the OS&R Committee, following up on concerns of the OS& R Committee, generally staying in touch with the people or groups in their assigned areas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Submitted by Bill Previdi