

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

July 8, 2014 7PM

Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Rm.

Attendees: Stephen Mc Donough, Jim Sarno, Steven Sylvester, Dennis Visconti, Bill Previdi, Joanne St. Pierre, John Bracciotti

Absent members: R. Sweeney, T. DiBlasi

Guest: Lou Chulli, Stoneham Arena Manager

1. Motion was made to accept the Minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting. It was approved unanimously.
2. Discussion regarding the proposed land swap of Weiss Farm for Stoneham Oaks Golf course was had. The members were in agreement that this land swap could be a viable option if an equitable swap arrangement could be worked out and certain conditions were include in the land swap. Bill Previdi agreed to draft a letter to the Selectmen from the Committee explaining our position and our concerns. The Committee will review the draft before it is submitted outside the Committee.
3. Lou Chulli gave a verbal presentation on the status of the Stoneham Arena. Generally things are going along well at the Arena. Lou feels that more revenue for the Town could be generated if a second sheet of ice was added at the Arena. The second sheet of ice could cost in the range of 4 to 5 Million Dollars to construct.
Lou said that the arena needs a new roof at the low roof area over the locker room side of the building. He also will be requesting funds to remodel the showers.
4. Ideas for increasing Golf revenue were discussed, and J. St. Pierre promised to do some research on the subject and report back to the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by Bill Previdi

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