

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
October 14, 2015 6:40pm
Town Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Dennis Visconti, Chairman, Stephen McDonough, Aldo Ursino, Bill Previdi, Joanne St. Pierre, James Sarno, Julie Boussy, Jack Bracciotti, Maura Campbell

Absent members: Steve Sylvester, Therese DiBlasi

1. RE: Ice Skating Arena -- a Zamboni driver was hired for the arena with a pay of \$15.00 an Hour
2. Painting is needed inside the Arena
3. Mass Inter-scholastic Association (M.I.A.A) is not yet committed for this season for ice time. Issues remain regarding fire and police details.
4. M. Campbell; brought up an interesting topic on how some rinks in Massachusetts are being run by (FMC) a rink management company, which seems like an asset to rinks.
5. J. Bracciotti; mentioned that FMC does a fabulous job, but that FMC management may want more than a two year contract.
6. RE: Golf Course---a meeting will be held at Unicorn Coarse Oct. 15. there have been 6 bidders so far, 2nd addendum to RFP went out with changes. Interviews with bidders will be held in Nov.2015
7. Approval is needed by EOEA to lease the golf courses.
8. Percentages of RFP regarding rent was corrected, TA looking into why the golf course was paying retail rate of water and sewer.
9. S. McDonough along with all members agrees that a general fund or Capital Fund is needed for the Arena and for the Golf Course for unforeseen expenses, e...g... if greens get scorched, special maintenance, more water and/or replacement of greens may be needed. E...g... if the compressor at the arena fails and so the cost may need to come out of a

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rainy day fund, the fund can take the burden off the town.

10. DPW now has a 80 gallon diesel fuel holding truck which will make it easier to fuel diesel equipment easier than using small containers that have to be sent back and forth to fill up.

11. B. Previdi mentioned the bond was reduced from \$250,000 to \$75,000.

12. RE: Dog Park: M. Campbell asked for a list of areas the town had available for such a park, & will have information for the next meeting. B.P thought a good place for the dog park would be behind the senior center near Broadway Street Soccer Field. J. Boussy will look into legalities on how to make a dog park official.

13. We are concerned about our recreational parks, from Broadway to Pomeworths upper and lower parks and all other parks in-between. Most of the fields have weeds and turf is not up to pare, when it comes to being used for sports. More research needs to be done into looking for a better solution other than chemicals to treat the field, and need to know what the added cost will be. D. Visconti commented that he will look into who maintains school parks opposed to town parks.

14. To fall under a Green Community which may be able to supply resources to our parks we would need to first stretch our Building Code for any new construction. This includes higher level of energy conservation standards, for example new homes would need to use 2 by 6 wood instead of 2 by 4 wood, and instead of 6 inch insulation 12 inches would need to be put in place.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Submitted by Aldo Ursino