

TOWN OF WAYLAND – RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, April 4, 2018 AT 7:00 PM

Wayland Town Building | 41 Cochituate Road | Wayland MA 01778

Selectman's Meeting Room; broadcast on [WayCam](#).

Present Commissioners: Asa Foster, Chair; Frank Krasin; Chris Fay (remotely joined by phone at 7:40pm); Heidi Seaborg;
Recreation: Katherine Brenna,
Absent Brud Wright (late arrival 8:30pm)
Guests None.

7:00 PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Asa Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

7:01 PM PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Marshall, 208 Willow Brook Dr – we live in Willow Brook Condominiums and there is no doubt, I'll give you my opinion – when we bought that land part of it will be recreation and part with be conservation – you've proposed a plan that is better than other plans I've seen. Route 30 is already pretty crowded, it will impact our lives. It's a challenge to turn left already. Concerned about traffic implications. I am concerned about the sound, it may be for the greater good, but not good for Willow Brook Condominiums. Want to make sure that we address noise, traffic, and lighting. My condo looks right out on route 30, I may have light right in my living room. Supposed to do a traffic study and light study. The biggest issue of the whole this is my understanding that you plan to lease the field to other towns. It will increase traffic. I do not support that. Wants to see those two studies done. Don't want to rent the property out to other people.

Heidi – clarify that Recreation is not for profit, and there is a hierarchy system for permitting fields to users.

Ask that you consider not renting to out of town groups.

Asa – to address the other issues that you raise; those studies will be done and you will be involved those studies. We have been preliminary traffic and light studies done, results not yet available.

Asa- not abnormal for projects that are done in terms of design, permits, and mitigating factors before a Town votes on construction funds.

David Marshall, 208 Willow Brook Dr – School Committee is pushing back their vote because the studies are not done?

Asa –can't speak for the School Committee

Reed Newton – Haven Lane – been a coach with Wayland Youth Soccer; youth programs for practices during the week expect about 10-12 cars coming in at a time on weekdays, session is 90 minutes. 4:30pm – 6:00pm and 6:00pm – 7:30pm. We are so far below water in terms of the need for fields, we don't have enough fields for Wayland groups, not to rent to out of town groups.

David Marshall, 208 Willow Brook Dr at 27/30 intersection, now there are long wait lines in traffic. Traffic is more intense now.

John Sax, 203 Willow Book Drive – We are voting tomorrow with no guarantees on anything. You could finish the design and then vote on it. You're ramming this thing through. No reason to do that. We don't know what we are voting for.

Gary Lilienthal – 314 Willow Brook Drive – served in Town gov't for 24 years, new to wayland, shocked that town will vote without making an informed decision. Going to vote no, once it's voted it's an oncoming train. With due respect, I'd like to ask questions, that cannot be answered. Lighting has been taken out, but I'd like to know if there is an intent to come back later for the lights. I am not against soccer fields, but there is a time and a place. Want to know if there will be lighting? And how it will affect habitat of the Loker conservation area. I am a Land Use lawyer. Will there have MEPA review because it's off an interstate highway. Voting no, because I don't have enough information. There is a AUL from Dow Chemical, we want answers. Will you restrict parking on route 30? Are police details required? I read the restrictions, see it's both Recreation and Conservation which I support both; Not interested in seeing large New England soccer tournaments in my backyard. I can't see how you can do that without the studies.

Reed Newton – Haven Lane confirms that this field wouldn't be diesriable for a tournament, as they are typically held at site with multiple fields.

Linda Segal 9 Aqueduct Rd– attended last nights' BOS meeting, the Chair disclosed that you may choose to pass over the Article at Town Meeting, pleased to hear that because it dove tails with the WHS Stadium articles. You're hearing that people don't know enough about this for Town meeting. Concerned about some emails I've seen; strongly recommend you pass over the article.

Where are the other members of this board?

One will phone in at 8:00pm, the other is in a meeting in the building and will arrive at 8:00pm.

John Sax, 203 Willow Book Drive, the Town was sued for that [*missing deliberation, and arriving for a vote*] in Supreme Court.

Gary Lilienthal – 314 Willow Brook Drive – as the sponsor can you not withdraw the article?

Heidi Seaborg – No, we will have to pass it over.

Asa Foster – if we make the motion to pass over the article, the town will then vote on that.

David Glenn– 304 Willow Brook Drive– recommend that we pass over the article, We don't have enough information.

Asks about 52 parking spaces with 7 near the road.

Asa Foster– clarifies that parking concept has been changed.

Marty Sleeper 206 Willow Brook Drive– will second previous comments- concerned about the traffic. Disappointed the Rec Com with Weston & Sampson, 3 weeks ago attended a meeting to get public input, and there's no new information.

David Glenn– 304 Willow Brook Drive - concerned about the leeching from turf field into the wetlands. Concern about what's leeching out into the wells.

Sheila Deitchman 303 Willow Brook Drive – in addition in the other concerns, I have a massive safety concern when I close my eyes and visualize this project, I see kids running out into route 30, causing accidents and huge problems for the fire dept. and police.

Heidi Seaborg – that is a terrible vision, why do you think children would run onto route 30?

Joe Hinderhofer - 315 Willowbrook Drive – simple question, testing of the soil?

David Marshall, 208 Willow Brook Dr can see a logical reason that you would want a vote tomorrow, that I do not think it should occur because we don't have the right information, your committee can see an opening after the Library was voted down.

Gary Lilienthal – 314 Willow Brook Drive-- willing to work with this commission, welcome the opportunity to provide feedback.

Linda Segal - 9 Aqueduct Rd – point of information – when people voted at the polls on the 3/27, that debt exclusion vote is good for up to one year. As long as the scope of the project doesn't increase.

Tom Maglione -29 Rice Road, lives just north of the site. Following closely since October, been to just about every meeting; PMBC meeting saw that gave scrutiny to the WHS project, more so than the Loker project; just due to proportionality; given the scrutiny and considering now that SC has decided to pass over the article. Again I would recommend to this group that they would consider the same thing. Consultant reports that design is only 25% complete. Voter burn out, tick people off and expect them to come back in the Fall and pay for more things. Really recommend that this board consider passing over the article.

Margo Melnicove, 245 Lake Shore Drive – BOS meeting before ATM, taking position on the various articles. When they got to this article, Cherry Karlson led the discussion, she expressed concerned about it being ready. What's the rush?

Linda Segal 9 Aqueduct Rd - Voted 3-0-2. 2 abstained waiting to see the PMBC report. Haven't re-voted.

Reed Newton – Haven Lane - the rush is player safety; currently players playing on compacted dirt, it's dangerous.

Asa Foster- recommendation from PMBC on WHS and Loker is that everything would be ready to bid in the Fall, contract awarded in the late fall, and construction would begin in Spring 2019.

They voted tomorrow to motion to pass over the articles WHS 25 and 26 and will likely be passed over. PMBC would continue to oversee the projects through design.

Gary Lilienthal – 314 Willow Brook Drive – can continue to sequence this in a proper order.

Reed Newton – Haven Lane - I understand SC recommended to pass over articles because they have 2 issues that Loker doesn't have – the wells and bathrooms issues.

Tom Maglione – 29 Rice Rd – watched other projects march through town, no developer would be able to do this project at any kind of Town Meeting with only 25% of design complete.

Asa Foster – not interested in jamming this through, our goal is to make this project as amenable to as many people as possible and benefit to the town.

David Glenn– 304 Willow Brook Drive – will all studies be done before FTM?

Asa Foster– yes, when the Town approved the design the plan was to have all those answers before the project starts. still interested in your input

Gary Lilienthal – 314 Willow Brook Drive – goal is to get us our answers

Ted Hatch – 201 Willow Brook Drive, no longer including lights the project? Why?

Asa Foster- taken the lights from the main project, \$350,000 will remain as an add alternative. All conduits and work needed to install lights would be done in initial phase; budget is 1.5 without lights

Linda Segal - 9 Aqueduct Rd comment made to PMBC want to repeat; when you have neighborhood outreach. Dow Chemical reached out to 100 households, Oak St, Damon farms, Woodridge road and report they didn't know about the project. Urge you to include more of the neighbors.

7:05 PM APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Approval of the previous minutes of Recreation Commission held on Monday, March 5, 2018. Postponed to future meeting.

Frank Krasin makes a motion to approve the previous minutes of Recreation Commission held on Monday, March 12, 2018. Seconded by Heidi Seaborg. Discussion: Comment on cancellation policy, to raise at future meeting. Motion Passed with vote: 4-0-0.

Roll Call Vote:

Asa Foster – aye, Frank Krasin – aye, Heidi Seaborg –aye, Chris Fay (remotely) aye, Brud Wright - absent

Heidi Seaborg makes a motion to approve the previous minutes of Recreation Commission held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Seconded by Frank Krasin. Discussion: None. Motion Passed with vote: 4-0-0.

Roll Call Vote:

Asa Foster – aye, Frank Krasin – aye, Heidi Seaborg – aye, Chris Fay (remotely) – aye, Brud Wright - absent

Frank Krasin makes a motion to approve the previous minutes of Recreation Commission held on Monday, March 26, 2018. Seconded by Heidi Seaborg. Discussion: None. Motion Passed with vote: 4-0-0.

Roll Call Vote:

Asa Foster – aye, Frank Krasin – aye, Heidi Seaborg – aye, Chris Fay (remotely) – aye, Brud Wright - absent

7:15 PM PMBC STATUS REPORT AND MOVING WARRANT ARTICLE 28

Chris Fay– remotely, no comment on the PMBC report

Heidi Seaborg– a lot of debate has been iterated here, public comment. I would be supportive of passing over the article at ATM. Coming in under budget, lights were taken out, making available Stabilization account, if we were to put forth an article at town meeting to get that money, we could package it with the Loker construction article at a future town meeting.

Asa Foster- could include it as the funding source of a future article.

Heidi Seaborg – in light of this not delaying the project, I understand the urgency, and the demand for the new field, part of the message, they wouldn't see the field any faster.

Asa Foster – understand the frustration of the users of fields in the TOW, last time a field was constructed, was before the year 2000, the Town Building was just rehabbed and will be ready in Fall 2018. We received an approval to build a field last ATM, because of issue that have been raised by neighbors that field remains not constructed. We are short fields in TOW, and because Oxbow was constructed in the Fall as scheduled, it will not be ready for 2 growing season; so it won't be ready until the Spring of 2019. Extremely frustrating to the users and to the commission. I look at Loker and see a lot of advantages to waiting to the Fall, that were illustrated tonight, there are advantages to keep the Loker project in line with WHS Stadium projects. PMBC felt none of the 3 projects could be constructed in 2018, and would have a tendency to think it be prudent to pass over the article.

Frank Krasin – I think the residents should make the decision to pass over the article.

Chris Fay (remotely) – As a commissioner from two town organizations, the frustration is at all-time high. Different stall tactics, we would have the support tomorrow, people are tired of going to away games and seeing wht other towns offer, and playing on fields that don't even need to be mowed because it's just dirt. It's not going to resonate well with users. We are turning kids away from community youth sports, send the wrong message. Frustration will get worse. Emails from people why other towns have already played games, and started their seasons – and we are playing in a gym, not a good experience. I don't know if we'd get the numbers. It sends the wrong message to push it off another year.

Heidi Seaborg – Totally understand where you come from, you represent sports in this town; passing over this article wont delay the project for kids in this Town. It will ensure that we follow the proper avenues to put the best and safest field we can put in. Hopeful that serving on the board, and volunteering and came on during Oxbow, and was hopeful that we could learn from that project. It would go a long way to show them they don't have happen overnight, and it will be a vote for another day. Hoping you will be able to reconsider your opinion on this.

It would be prudent politically, and strategically, and financially to pass over the article.

Even if we can rally the troops, Even if we can get the 67% we need and get this, should we?

Asa Foster- significant push back from the neighborhood, I am hopeful that after its vetted then maybe Willowbrook could pass this favorably in the Fall.

Chris Fay – when I hear about traffic concerns, it's just a soccer field not a Home Depot – it's not open all day, all year.

Heidi Seaborg – not working on Frank because he is very hard to sway from his opinion. I think your vote is critical here, we have 4 members.

It's an example of good sportsmanship to this; it would allow us to step off on the right foot with these neighbors.

It allows us to answer questions, and doesn't delay the project. The ones who need this field don't care about the details.

Asa Foster- the money needed to complete the design has already been approved, we'd continue to design the field and fully vet the concerns.

Chris Fay – indicates that he would vote to pass over the article to go along with the commission.

Frank Krasin leaves 8:28pm

Linda Segal - 9 Aqueduct Rd– its pained me to be in the meetings with your consultants, they are working now well with a new town engineer to repurpose the old dump, for the laydown for the DPW as well as parking school buses. I've seen a lot of their work; they have a lot of depth to their company. It's like they can't catch their breath, but they are quite capable.

Asa Foster – when we entered into these three projects last November , there was no question that the timeline was accelerated, we recognized it, committed and effective professionals.

Sheila Deitchman 303 Willow Brook Drive – are all neighbors and appreciate the warmth and empathy that is present tonight.

Brud – arrives 8:39pm; Frank rejoins the meeting at 8:39pm

Heidi Seaborg makes a motion to pass over Recreation Commission Article 28 on Town Meeting floor.

Seconded by Chris Fay (remotely). Discussion: None. Motion Passed with vote: 3-1-1.

Roll Call Vote:

Asa Foster – aye, Frank Krasin – nay, Heidi Seaborg – aye, Chris Fay (remotely) - aye

Brud Wright – present, but abstained

Asa Foster – thank Heidi Seaborg and Brud Wright for service on the Recreation Commission.

8:05 PM TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING

Gym times – cancellation of gym times change from 3 days to 7 days (add to future meeting)

8:05 PM PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

8:07 PM MEETING ADJOURNED

Adjourn; There being no further business before the Recreation Commission Heidi Seaborg moved, seconded by Brud Wright adjourn the meeting of the Recreation Commission; Discussion: None; Vote: 5-0-0.

Roll Call Vote:

Asa Foster – aye, Frank Krasin – aye, Heidi Seaborg – aye, Chris Fay (remotely) – aye, Brud Wright - aye