

Mill Woods Master Plan Sub Committee Meeting **Thursday, November 10, 2005**

The meeting was held at the Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Joe Slepki, Mary Ellen Bonelli, Craig MacGovern, Wesley Sargent, Bill Smyers, Peter Gardow and Salvatore Cucia, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department.

1. Public Comments.

No Comments.

2. Minutes - October 20, 2005.

Minutes were approved.

3. Old Business.

a. Architect Process.

Sal Cucia reviewed the process for hiring an architect. He informed committee members the process will take approximately three (3) months from start to finish and pending approval of the Town Manager and the appointment of a building committee. Questions were asked as to how many architects would receive quotes as well as to which architects would be included.

Sal Cucia stated we would obtain a listing from the Engineering Department and refer to our own listing in the Parks and Recreation Department. Discussion as to how the committee would proceed would be further discussed at the January meeting.

b. Skate Park.

Sal Cucia indicated the opening day ceremonies on October 29, 2005, went well.

Approximately 200 people were in attendance and the kids acted as Emcee. They did an excellent job. Several spoke of seeing 40-50 kids skateboarding on any given day. Everyone was pleased to see the park was a success.

c. Dog Park.

Sal Cucia reported the individuals interested in a dog park have met with Ms. Bagley and are proceeding with plans to see their park come to fruition.

d. MDC Mapping.

Sal Cucia indicated that new MDC maps have been received by the town's GIS Administrator, but are not yet available for use, as permission from the Town Manager to allow release of the information has yet to be given. Evidently, the MDC and the town are having ongoing discussions on how the maps will be available for the public. The new maps have two foot contours.

e. Bocce Court Update.

Sal Cucia indicated UNICO is continuing to move forward with this project and is attempting to raise money. Location of the project is in the picnic area.

f. T-Shirts.

Craig MacGovern passed out sample art work for the T-shirts. Committee members are suggesting selling the T-shirts as a fundraiser and public awareness campaign. Committee members made several suggestions for the art work and selected the slogan "I Support Mill Woods Park" as the wording for the T-shirt. Craig will bring back to the committee in January a T-shirt design based on the recommendations. The T-shirts would be donated to the committee. Craig gave his e-mail address asking anyone with any thoughts to please contact him at cdmacgovern@snet.net.

4. New Business.

a. Meeting Dates 2006.

Dates were approved as is. Peter Gardow suggested, if possible, placing the meeting dates in the Annual Town Calendar. Sal Cucia indicated he would inquire with the Town Manager's office. A suggestion was made that the Parks and Recreation Department consider including a mention of the Mill Woods Master Plan Committee's efforts in the narrative portion of their report for the annual calendar.

b. Reminder - no December meeting.

Committee members agreed at there would be no meeting in December.

c. Fundraising Efforts.

Mary Ellen Bonillo suggested an update be written for the Wethersfield Post outlining some of the latest developments. She will be contacting Kathy Bagley in the near future about submitting an article. It was suggested that the January meeting may be a good time to investigate fundraising efforts again.

5. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.