

Wethersfield Advisory Parks and Recreation Board  
Harbor Management Commission  
Minutes - Thursday, January 22, 2015

The meeting was held at Town Hall and called to order by Acting Chairperson Bill Leonard at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Bill Leonard, Tom Mull, John Rascius and Dan Silbo. Also present was Mike Hurley, Town Council Liaison, and Kathy Bagley, Director of Parks and Recreation.

A. Public Comments.

None.

B. Minutes – December 18, 2014.

Tom Mull moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by John Rascius and approved unanimously.

C. Monthly Report – December, 2014.

The Monthly Report was reviewed by board members. Members discussed the upcoming Fishing Derby in May and the Special Olympics program run by the department. Ms. Bagley explained that the Special Olympic athletes are currently in training for the winter sports including snowshoeing. Even without snow, they train indoors and outside (weather permitting).

D. Letters and Announcements.

None.

E. Old Business.

1. Solomon Welles House Foundation.

Ms. Bagley reported that construction was completed on the foundation repairs on the north side of the house. Temporary supports and attachments were installed to shore up the foundation. This repair has strengthened the foundation and it is safe for public use. The town building inspector and the private engineer have inspected the repair work and given the approval for public use. The private engineer will design a permanent fix and this work will be done in the near future. Ms. Bagley reminded members that the Town has submitted a \$500,000 grant application to the State for improvements to the Solomon Welles House. These improvements did include the foundation work. Uncertain when the Town may hear from the State if they get approved for the grant. The Parks and Recreation CIP budget has requested funds for this permanent repair. Bill Leonard noted that if the Town does not get the grant, they will still have to fix the foundation.

F. New Business.

1. Discussion with Representatives from George Ritchie Soccer League.

Representatives from the Soccer League were not able to attend this meeting. They will reschedule a date to attend a future Board meeting.

G. Board Member Comments.

1. Tom Mull asked if the Mill Woods Tennis Court parking lot is in the CIP budget request. Ms. Bagley explained that the CIP budget does include a stonedust parking lot. It would be in one of two locations in the park; adjacent to the tennis courts or behind the Montanaro Soccer Field across from the bathhouse. The future Tennis Court parking lot area has a beautiful large tree in the center of it and the Engineering Department is looking to see if they can design a parking lot there and save the tree. They want to make sure they can get enough parking spaces to make it worthwhile for a parking lot. No one wants to cut the tree down for parking. This matter is under review and the parking lot construction is dependent on funding.

2. High School Renovation.

John Rascius asked about the status of the project. Ms. Bagley reported that the gym has been open for students and they have held home games for the boys and girls basketball teams. The music wing with the new classrooms opened this month for student use too. Ms. Bagley will be meeting with the Superintendent to find out the field availabilities for the spring season. She is starting to get requests from the youth sport groups. John reported that he has seen a lot of work going on around the building and hopefully the fields will be available for use in the spring.

3. Skate Park.

Board members asked about the status of the Skate Park. Ms. Bagley reported that the Town is soliciting proposals to repair the concrete at the bottom of the Skate Park. Firms are being asked to submit their plan to repair the concrete. These proposals are due back in February and will be reviewed by staff for the best fix for the park.

H. Harbor Management Commission.

1. Cove Docks Project.

Ms. Bagley reported that the bid documents are almost complete. The schedule is to go out to bid in February and award the bid in March. Once the bid is awarded the contractor will order the materials and install them during the spring season. A contract will be developed with the contractor to install the docks and moorings once the Town Council awards the bid.

I. Motion to Adjourn.

Tom Mull moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion was seconded by John Rascius and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Bagley, Director  
Parks & Recreation Department

WETHERSFIELD ADVISORY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY LIST for 2015 -16

December 12, 2014

Priority	PROJECT	COST
1	Solomon Welles House Foundation	100,000
2	Cove Docks - contingency for project	50,000
3	Community Center - new floor tile and asbestos removal, Senior Room	60,000
4	Willard Pool - sandblast & paint instructional pool and repair concrete base for diving board	35,000
5	Mill Woods Park - replace docks at swimming pool	65,000
6	Community Center - architect for rooftop air conditioning unit	25,000
7	Willard Pool - replace translucent wall panels on bathhouse	25,000
8	Mill Woods Park - replace bleachers at softball field #1	36,000
9	Basketball Court - reconstruct court at Charles Wright school	65,000
10	Mill Woods Park - stonedust parking lot construction	30,000
11	Playground - replace playground equipment at Greenfield park	35,000
12	Mill Woods Park - replace last section of pool fence	25,000
13	*Solomon Welles House - parking lot & drainage, foundation work, paint exterior, replace clapboards and site lighting	500,000
14	Mill Woods Park Soccer Field - Master Plan	610,000
		1,661,000

\*Town applied for State of Connecticut STEAP Grant