

Rec Ad Hoc First Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

6:50 PM

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COLCHESTER, CT
2024 MAY -3 AM 9:11
Gayle Furman
TOWN CLERK

- Attendees:
 - Matt Parsons
 - Dave Emery
 - Kyle Calash
 - Mike Dubriel
 - Suzanne Salemi
 - Luke McCoy
 - Nina Minella
 - No Karen Belding BOF Liason
 - Margot Gignac BOE Liason
 - Bernard Dennler Temporary BOS Liason
 - Chris Pianta
 - Seth Breitmaier
 - Joe Leone
- Review of Charge by the BOS
 - MP: Recplex improvements is considered part of the scope of this committee?
 - BD: Yes
 - MD: Wells at the Recplex, are we going to research that, is that in our scope?
 - JL: No, provided update on the wells
 - BD: Yes to some extent, its about our recreation assets and future planning for them
 - MD: Do we have an approximate budget for this committee that we need to adhere to?
 - BD: Approximate budget is not defined by the Board of Selectman
 - MD: I'm worried that were going to recommend like 50m in turf fields.
 - BD: I would be dissapointed if that was the conclusion of this committee. Its about all of our assets and being able to do something realistic.
 - KC: Clarify the recreation assets, is it only outdoor assets or is it also inside assets too
 - BD: This is why it is important for us to identify our recreation assets.
 - XX: Is this just town owned assets? What about state parks or other land trusts
 - BD: Maybe we leave it to the committee to determine what to include, whatever we focus on it has to be something that is useful.
 - SS: Suggested that we need to have something in our hands within less than a year.
 - MP: Do we have any timeline that we want to hit?
 - BD: soonest possible referendum date would be November, because of the towns bonding issue.
 - LM: There's also a lot of design and permitting that needs to be done as well.
 - MD: Can the fields at bacon go any place else?
 - MP: Can't really put these anywhere else, because of transportation.
- Review of what it means to be on an ad hoc committee
 - BD: Explains an ad hoc committee
 - Only temporary because the BOS made it.
 - The charge is to do the work within 1 year, there is flexibility in the timeline
- Electing Officers
 - SS: I nominate MP for Chair
 - KC: I second it
 - No other nominations
 - Passed unanimously
 - MD: I nominate LM for vice chair
 - DE: I second it

- No other nominations
 - Passed unanimously
- KC: I nominate SS as secretary
- LM: seconded it
 - Passed unanimously
- Discussion on possible action on a meeting schedule
 - SS suggested that we meet twice a month on Wednesday to start up.
 - MD: Tuesdays and Thursdays are a conflict
 - Several people mentioned that Mondays are difficult for them
 - BD mentioned that 1st and 3rd Wednesdays wouldn't conflict with BOF meetings
 - MD suggested that we could potentially use the Black Box Theater
 - Margot suggested that we could potentially meet at different locations to see each of the schools.
 - Also mentioned that we would be unable to use the schools during the evening because the custodians go home at night.
 - MP said he will coordinate with the Board of Ed on the meeting space.
 - MD Suggested that we create a calendar for every other Wednesday,
 - LM suggested we meet the 3rd Wednesday of May
- Past Studies
 - Post them so they are accessible on SharePoint or a website
 - LM suggested some documents,
 - Takeaway from this meeting is to post our past documents up on the town website
- Discussion on next meeting
 - MP: create our own priority lists.
 - SS: If we each come up with a list we can start seeing common priorities.
 - MP: should we discuss possible site visits
 - LM and SS agreed
 - MD we should hear from the public, too, maybe like a poll
 - Seth: Make an agenda item for next meeting we come up with how we get public involved, get that opinion
 - MD: Motion to adjourn
 - SS: Second it
 - Adjourned at 8:22pm