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#### **MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2017

PRESENT:

Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson

Denis Curran Len Dolan John Cusolito Reggie Maidment

Sean Timmons, Recreation Director

Accept Minutes

Denis makes a motion to accept minutes from 9.11.17 Len 2<sup>nd</sup>- All in Favor 4-0

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

### 1. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting

#### 2. Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School Turf Field

Sean updated the board on the turf field project at the high school. He informed the board that all aspects of the project with the exception of the home bleachers and buildings has been permitted. The board did raise some concern about the property line that is very close to where the new emergency access road will run down to the back fields. Scott advised the board to make a written request to the school committee to be on their agenda at an upcoming meeting so that the rec board can understand what the school committee's plan is for this project. Scott also advised the board to include in their request to the school committee that the working group for this project be instructed to come up with plans to fundraise for the project. A capitalization plan will be necessary to raise the appropriate funds for this project.

Denis makes a motion that the Rec Board draft a letter to the school committee requesting to be on their agenda for an upcoming meeting and to move forward with this project.- Reggie  $2^{nd}$ - All in Favor 5-0

#### 3. Fairhaven Field

Sean discussed with the board the rough shape that Fairhaven Field is in. Usage of the field was discussed and it was determined that high school field hockey and lacrosse use the field more than our own town sports use the field. The board was given a copy of the spring sports field usage schedules from last spring in hopes that we might be able to find alternate locations for the spring sports who typically play on Fairhaven. It was determined that the high school lacrosse team could potentially be moved to play at Winthrop or Buker schools for the upcoming spring. Sean suggested to the board that we look at ways to only use Fairhaven field on the weekends for the upcoming spring.

# 4. Pingree Playground

Sean updated the board on the construction at the Pingree Park Playground. Although the equipment was originally due in right after Labor day the company has now informed Sean that the equipment will not be in until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in November. In the meantime the Wenham DPW has done the site work necessary to prepare for installation of the equipment. The site was graded for woodchips and the concrete pads which the equipment will sit on have been poured.

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#### 5. Patton Park Baseball Diamond

Sean let the board know that the baseball diamond at Patton Park has been worked on. With a combination of funds the DPW was able to edge the field, take down the mounds, re-sawed and put down 3 pallets of turface. The town still has 2 pallets of turface left but one will likely be used for softball. The diamond is now on a 3-4 year plan for maintenance.

## 6. Wenham Open Space

The Wenham CPA has funded the Wenham Open Space plan to be redone. Sean asked that the turf field questions be left on as that project continues to get started. He also asked that the Pingree Tennis Courts continue to be included as they need work as well. The next meeting for this will be on October  $24^{th}$  however the Public Forum Meeting is on November  $2^{nd}$ .