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## MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: October 1, 2018

PRESENT:

Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson  
John Cusolito  
Denis Curran  
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director

Guest – David Smith, Gordon Conwell Task Force

Accept Minutes

**Quorum not present**

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

### 1. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

### 2. Gordon Conwell Task Force Discussion

David Smith (Chair of Gordon Conwell Task Force) brought the Recreation Committee up to speed on the history of the Seminary, past financial, commitments made to the Town, current practices, and the reasoning behind the creation of the task force. Most notably David discussed the cost to educate children who live at the seminary is borne to the tax payers of Hamilton since the Seminary is a non-profit organization and pays to taxes to the Town of Hamilton. David further explained that the task force was looking for creative ways for the seminary to provide back to the town in any non-financial ways. David asked the Recreation Committee is they could think of any ways the seminary could provide recreational needs to the Town. The Rec Committee felt that any active recreation such as field, tennis courts, etc.. would be viable to the Town. John asked whether or not other non-profits provided this type of support to other communities. David answered that in his research most contributed financially but it was not an apple to apples comparison since there is student housing at the seminary. Steve informed about how Gordon College provides back to the Town of Wenham/ Sean wondered if any indoor space at the seminary could be used for programs or classes that the Recreation Department offered. The Committee agreed that Sean should attend the scheduled site walk to see if any recreation facilities for active or passive recreation could be used.

### 3. Discussion on Outdoor Basketball System at Patton Park

Sean updated the Committee that funding was approved at town Meeting and everything was in place to have the hoops installed in the early spring.

### 4. Pingree Park Tennis Court Update

Sean informed the Committee that the schools were actively seeking alternative locations in addition to the Patton Park Tennis Courts for use this spring. Denis noted that the CPC was having a public hearing at their next meeting, Sean was going to speak to Peter Lombardi regarding this and whether or not he should attend to update the Wenham CPC on whether or not a funding application would be submitted.

### 5. Turf Project update



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Sean informed the committee that the leaders of the Turf Field Working Group had a meeting with School Officials to discuss the project. At the time of the meeting Sean did not know the specifics of the meeting but would inform the Committee at their next meeting. All Committee members expressed the dire need for a turf field and pointed to the current conditions of the field and the poor weather we have been experiencing. The Committee wondered if the Tennis Courts could be folded onto the turf field group as to not have two separate projects competing for the same funding. The Committee agreed that if this was possible it would be a logical approach.

#### **6. Winter Program Brochure**

Sean informed the committee that the winter brochure was close to be complete. Sean highlighted new programs that the department is offering with Appleton Farms, a lifeguarding program, multiple pre-school programs, as well as some new adult offerings.

#### **7. New Business**

Denis mentioned that the Wenham CPC had requested a breakdown of the pool numbers from the past two seasons as well as information on whether or not the camp program has been impacted by the pool. Denis mentioned that Sean provided great information to the CPC that showed dramatic increases in participation as well as revenue. Sean said he would share the email to the committee.