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## MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Monday, January 28, 2019

PRESENT:

Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson  
John Cusolito  
Brad Tilley  
Len Dolan  
Denis Curran  
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director

Guests – Lou Levesque- Hamilton-Wenham Little League

Accept Minutes

**Denis makes a motion to accept the minutes from 12.19.18 Brad 2<sup>nd</sup>- All in Favor 5-0**

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

### 1. Public Comment

No Public Comment

### 2. Hamilton-Wenham Little League Field Improvement Projects

Lou Levesque, President of Hamilton-Wenham Little League shared with the board his thoughts for field improvements across the little league baseball diamonds in Hamilton and Wenham. Sean provided the board with a spreadsheet that Lou prepared that detailed out exactly what improvements little league wishes to make at which fields throughout town. Lou explained that the spreadsheet outlined everything little league would do if money and time were no concern. Major improvements that LL would like to address for this spring include resurfacing the two fields at Buker School. Lou explained that the fields have large rocks that would need to be completely dug up in order to make the playing surface safe and playable. Lou also addressed the surface at Winthrop School and advised that the same improvements would need to happen at that field as well. The board agrees that these projects should be simple enough to complete for this spring. Lou plans to walk the fields with a professional turf company this weekend to figure out the best course of action for resurfacing and/or other improvements. The larger and more complex items on Little Leagues list included adding press boxes/storage buildings at Patton Park and Cheeseman Field. LL would like to explore the possibility of Lights at Cheeseman. The board advised to Lou that there could be a possibility for the Town and LL to work together on replacing the current bathroom/concession stand building at Patton with a more robust multipurpose building which would include bathrooms, concession stand, storage, etc... Sean brought up the fact that the Town is requesting 50kin capital funds for the current building and that there is the possibility for the town and LL to work together. Lou mentioned that LL had an architect donating his time to help with project; the board requested that the architect work on some conceptual plans and present them to the board at a future meeting. The board suggested a one story building with an observation deck could suffice as a press box. The other large project that Little League plans to undertake for this spring is the scoreboard at Patton. The rec board had already supported this project last year and Lou will now begin the process of getting the proper permits and permissions in place to complete the project.

### 3. Pingree School

Sean informed the board that he met with the new assistant Athletic Director at Pingree School this week in regards to youth sports being able to use Pingree's fields. Pingree was very open to the idea of allowing Lacrosse to have sole

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use of the turf fields on Sunday afternoons at a reduced rate. Lacrosse is planning to meet with Luke themselves to learn more about this option.

#### **4. Summer Program Update**

Sean informed the board that the spring and summer brochure will be completed by the end of this week. Registration for all spring and summer programs will begin March 4<sup>th</sup>. Sean and Danielle are currently in the process of hiring summer staff for the park and for the pool. We expect enrollment to be high in most programs as enrollment in programs recently has been up.

#### **5. New Business**

Denis has asked someone else from the board to consider being on the CPA as he would not like to continue in that role.