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## MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Monday April 12, 2021

PRESENT:

Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson  
John Cusolito  
Denis Curran  
Brad Tilley  
Phil Tocci  
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director

**Steve called the meeting to order at 6:07pm**

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

### 1. Meeting Minutes

**Phil makes a motion to approve the minutes from 3.8.21. Brad 2<sup>nd</sup> All in Favor 5-0**

### 2. Town Hall Building Committee Update

Jay Butler and Mike Twomey joined the zoom meeting to give a brief update to the Recreation Committee about the Town Hall Renovation Project. Jay and Mike are seeking support from town boards for the renovation project at town hall. Town hall is 125 years old and there have been several attempts to renovate the building in the past but nothing has come together to date. They informed the committee the entire building needs to be upgraded in order to be compliant with ADA regulations. The renovation project would include a new main entrance, elevator, and the parking lot would also be reconfigured to include a handicap ramp in the back of the building. The project would create more offices on the first floor as well as a 90 person meeting space on the second floor. The project would take a little over a year to complete. The town has space at Gordon Conwell that would be used for town offices at a \$1 rental fee during construction. In December 2020 the town asked for ~4.5 million which was voted down. The price has been reduced by asking the CPC for 1 million dollars. The ask at this year's town meeting will be just over 3 million dollars.

There was a secondary discussion regarding the turf field project at the high school. Jay Butler had reached out to Michelle Horgan from the school committee. She indicated to Jay that at last Wednesday's school committee meeting a vote was taken and passed to form a steering committee for the Turf field project. This committee will include various stakeholders. The turf project is also on the joint town's CPC meeting agenda for May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Denis makes a motion to support this project, recognizing that the Rec board is made up of half Wenham residents but they are in favor of supporting this project knowing the condition of Town Hall. Brad 2<sup>nd</sup> All in Favor 5-0**

### 3. Facility Pay Structure

Sean shared the current fee structure with the board prior to the meeting. Sean shared with the board that he feels we could charge more to non-residents groups who want to use our fields and tennis courts. We want to make sure we are giving priority to residents for using these spaces. Phil feels that Sean should raise the prices according to other towns fees. Sean will come up with two proposals for the board to review.

**Adjournment**

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**Denis made a motion to adjourn, John 2<sup>nd</sup> - All in favor 5-0.**