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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: January 22, 2024

PRESENT:

Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson
Daniel Curran
Brad Tilley
Reggie Maidement
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Fiscal Year Budget

Sean shared that he is beginning the budget process for fiscal year 25. He shared a document that outlines previous budgets with the projected budget for fiscal year 25. He explained some of the pieces the budget including that the various Union groups are in negotiations and that could change some of the salary pieces of the budget. He explained that all Unions in Hamilton are now on the same schedule so that no Unions are bargaining against each other. Sean explained that most items on the budget are very much the same as years past. One small change was that gym cleaning will come out of the revolving fund and utilities will be increased a bit. One new item that is going in the budget is the HVAC. The HVAC replacement for the Rec Center did get approved by the Hamilton Capital Committee. We work with B2Q for our HVAC project. This is a two-step process. First the units will need to be designed, Sean shared a document with a proposal for units that might be options for our building. The project will cost approximately \$44,000. Once Sean meets with FinCom and they approve this budget will be what goes to town meeting in April.

2. Patton Park Summer Program

We have changed the policies and procedures for registration this year to a rolling registration that will begin at 6pm on February 6th. Each age group will open 15 minutes after the prior one. This will allow families to register multiple kids one at a time. Sean will provide and update on how the new registration process goes at the next meeting. We are about to begin the hiring process for Patton Park Summer Program. Next meeting Sean will provide updates on how many kids register for the program and where the hiring process stands.

3. Turf Field Project

The high school turf field project is in their second meeting with the planning board this evening. The planning board hired a peer reviewer to look at the project. They planned to look at the storm water management in this evenings meeting. No final decisions will be made tonight. Sean expects at least one to two more planning board meetings before a final decision is made. If things go smoothly ground breaking would likely be sometime in the early to mid spring.

4. Pingree Park/West Wenham Park Planning

The Wenham Open Space and Recreation Committee will be meeting in February to show Sean what they have been working on. The focus right now is on public outreach to gather information on what people would like to see in these various locations. The Wenham Select Board asked the committee to look at Pingree Park in addition to West Wenham Park. Eventually Sean would like a representative from the committee to come to a Rec Board meeting to share what they have been working on. The committee meets the first Wednesday of each month.

5. Winter 2024 Programming

Sean gave and update on winter programming. Our numbers are very strong this winter. We will have more programming available when the Freshman Basketball season ends and gym time becomes more available. Response from the community has been strong.

6. Wenham Resident Committee Opening



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We have an opening for a Wenham Resident on the committee. They would be taking over John's seat which goes until 2025. Sean will likely post on social media soon if no one steps up in the meantime. We will likely need to go through an interview process before we make a recommendation to the Wenham Select Board for a new Wenham member.

7. Wenham CPC Member

We currently do not have a CPC member for Wenham since John stepped down. Sean would like to wait until we elect a new Wenham committee member before we elect a member to be our CPC member. Dan does not have interest in serving again at this time.

8. New Business

Brad wanted to revisit the idea of handicap parking/accessibility at Patton Park. Right now the plan is to put signs up behind the backstops. Sean cautioned that we have to be careful that we are placing the signage on Patton Park property and not on Myopia property. Brad suggests maybe two spots in front of the bathrooms.

Pingree also does not have designated handicap parking but Sean is working with the police chief to put signs up in the area where there are currently signs that read no golfing.

Adjournment- Brad makes motion to adjourn. Dan 2nd- All in Favor 3-0

Respectfully submitted
Danielle Kiely- Administrative Assistant