



**Newbury Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes: December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Virtual meeting Via Zoom**  
**Meeting number 879 0972 0465**

**APPROVED**

**I. Meeting Called: 6:04pm**

Motion by Michael, seconded Celine, motion approved. Note, all votes were conducted by roll call. Michael read the regulations regarding the conducting of a virtual meeting and the Open Meeting Laws.

**II. Members Present:** Celine Muldowney, David Broll, Mike Volpone, Dave Dempsey Alicia Greco, Liaison to the Select Board and Mark Sandt. Not present: Council on Aging designee, Open Space Committee designee and high school representative.

**Guests:** Danielle Athanasiades and Stefano Franciosa of RUSH New England, Jason Desrochers of Triton Youth Soccer, Mo Elsayed owner Sphinx Soccer, Ed Trojan, Jon Vogel and Rick Wallwork resented Georgetown-Triton Youth Lacrosse.

**III. Misc. Paperwork:** Motion to approved the minutes of the previous meeting by Dave Dempsey seconded by Mark.  
Motion to suspend order of business to address Spring field usage by Michael, seconded by Celine. Approved.  
Currently there are four applications submitted for the Spring season. Rush Northshore, Sphinx Soccer (both club teams), Triton Youth Soccer and Georgetown Triton Youth Lacrosse. Seacoast Flag Football inquired about the space, but has yet submitted an application. The major overlap is Sundays, game day for the club soccer teams and Mondays a practice day.  
Ed Trojan, GTYL, stated that the lacrosse program only requests field space for the Spring. As a local town based non profit, he feels that this level of programing should get priority over others who are not. Michael assured Ed that was the case.

Celine asked the applicants approximately how many teams or players are they expecting for the Spring. RUSH. 18 – 20 teams. Depending on the age group the number of players will vary. A U-17 team might have 20 players, U-11 14 for example.

Sphinx 3 – 4 teams, again size depends on age group. TYSA, 150 kids on Saturdays alone. 10 to 15 teams. TYLA 10-12 teams.

Ed mentioned that each team plays about half the games at home and half away. Mark spoke about the non exclusive use of the field and the challenges of changing/moving games once the schedule has been set. The need to coordinate blocks of games to accommodate the officials and in some cases coaches that are responsible for more than one team.

Jason indicated that Mass. Soccer has established protocols for practices and games. One being allowing 1/2 hours between games to allow for social distancing during the transition.

Since the application period is still open, Mark suggested that the Committee wait until such time to begin creating a schedule.

Mark identified four areas that could be used, as auxiliary practice areas allowing, particularly for the younger age groups to practice when the fields are off limits. Jason, identified the knoll near the northeast corner of the maintained portion of the property as an potential new field.

Michael thanked the guests for their input and participation.

Motion to return to agenda was made by Michael and seconded by Celine. Motion passed.

- IV. Correspondences:** Mark summarized a letter from Dan Streeter, Chair of the Newbury Open Space Committee regarding the Kent Way parcel. See old business. David Broll discussed his interactions with Chris from Huntress services regarding the basketball court.

- V. Bill Schedule:** Celine identified two invoices from John DeFillipo for irrigation service, including end of season line clearing.

**VI.**

**VI. Old Business:**

Basketball Courts: David B. continues his ongoing dialogue with a representative from Huntress Associated, Landscape Architects & Planners. Committee would like to hear directly from Chris at Huntress to clarify questions and concerns. RFP has been developed.

On-line calendar: No updates.

Restrooms: Committee will continue to assess the need of bathroom facilities for the Spring season. Mark will reach out to the potential Permit holders for input.

Spending Plan: Can the d funds be used to create an addition field at Central Street?

Kent Way: Mark reported no action from Town Administrator since the October phone call. He summarized the letter from Dan Streeter, Chair of the Open Space Committee. The main object when the proposal was first introduced was to create two additional baseball fields, the additional items 6 basketball courts, skateboard park kiosk were of secondary concern. Mark motioned that the Committee allocate up to \$10,000 to initiate the require documentation paper work to begin the clearing process. The short term objective is to create an open field area and additional parking. Motion passed.

#### **V. New Business:**

Dave D. inquired if the Lower Green could be used to alleviate the congestion at the Central Street property, as the Kent Way parcel will not be available for the Spring.

#### **Action Items.**

Michael, ask the assessors if the Town owns the parcel in question for development.

Mark will check with potential Permit Holder on their views of bathroom needs.

Mark will follow up with the Town Administrator as the next steps for clearing the Kent Way Parcel.

Dave D. will review the RFP

Committee to determine if the auxiliary areas can be utilized when fields are closed.

Committee develop annual spending plan, with desired acquisitions/purchases to be submitted to the Committee. The objective to be in a potion to make the purchase once the bids come in from the basketball court, if funds are available.

Committee, develop Master Plan for Central Street and Town Wide.

Next Meeting Scheduled for January 4th, 2021 via ZOOM\*, at 6:00pm. Meeting details will be posted at a later date. \*If the public meetings are still prohibited by the Governor's office, the meeting will be held virtually, via ZOOM.

Meeting Adjourned 7:43pm Motioned by Dave D., seconded by David B.; Motion Approved.