



**Newbury Recreation Committee
Minutes: January 4th, 2021
Virtual meeting Via Zoom
Meeting number 89997925073**

APPROVED

I. Meeting Called: 6:04pm

Motion by Michael Volpone Chairman , seconded David Dempsey, to call the meeting to order. 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 Volpon, Dave Dempsey and Mark Sandt. Alicia Greco, Liaison to the Select Board entered after roll call. Not present Council on Aging designee, Open Space Committee designee and high school representative.

Guests: Christian Huntress of Huntress and Associates, an Athletic Facilities Design Firm. Jack Rybicki, Newbury resident, Leslie Mathews a Newbury resident:

Michael, suspended the order of the agenda to initiate discussions with Chris Huntress regarding the design and cost of the basketball court at the Central Street property. Chris provided a detailed site plan of work and staging areas. The Conservation Committee, per Chris Huntress, had no major objections to the scope of work but did note that silt barriers would need to be installed to protect the wetlands South of the worksite. The high end of the scope of services reached in excess of \$200,000, which included a 2 foot retaining wall on the North side of the project, with the entire project surrounded by a 10 high chain link fence, with multi entrances. The height of the fence raised concerns about spectator viewing. The Committee discussed the differences between a concrete base, which cost significantly more, and an asphalt base. Also up for discussion was a painted surface verses the versa court. Durability and cost were the concerns. Estimated length of the project was about 2 months and that this was a favorable time for municipal work to be initiated Chris noted. Committee members agreed that at the next meeting, in two weeks, the focus is getting the details of the RFP completed.

Michael motioned to return to the agenda order, seconded David D. Motion passed.

Reading of previous minutes. Motion to approved the minutes of the previous meeting by Mark seconded by Dave D. Motion approved.

III. **Correspondences:**

Michael reported a request from RUSH soccer for Summer use. Moved to new business

Mark reported back on responses to bathroom needs for the Spring season.

Michael forwarded correspondence from Jack Rybicki regarding developing the Central Street parcel. Moved to New Business.

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IV. **Bill Schedule:** Mark questioned if the Committee made payments to RED's , a local Port-A-Potty company for services during the Fall season. None were identified..

VI. Old Business:

Basketball Courts: See above as order of agenda was suspended.

Restrooms: Mark informed the Committee that the Triton Youth Soccer organization supplied the Port-A Potty during the fall season, even though the Committee allocated funds to do so. Mark motioned Celine seconded, that the Committee provide TYSA with a credit of \$273.75. Motion passed. Mark reported the feedback he received regarding the issue of bathrooms needs for the Spring season. The younger players were in greater need of having access to a bathroom. The reason TYSA locked the Port-A-Potty when there were no practices was part a protocol to limit contract tracing if necessary. Concern about having a locked Port-A-Potty was identified. The committee continued the discussion regarding the available of a bathroom facility during the Spring season. While it is understood that the Covid Respond Team, made up of the Town Administrator, Police Chief and the Board of Health has the final determination, the Committee should be preparing for various possibilities. Jacjk Rybicki felt the liability for the Town should prevent an organization for placing a Port -A-Potty at the property. Mark stated that the Committee, in the past, required Permit Holders to supply facilities depending on their size. Dave Dempsey noted that the Port-A-Potties at Plum Island Center (town property), was paid for by area merchants.

Kent Way: Mark reported his response from the Town Administrator and Planning Director. He is seeking a copy of a previous commissioned plan to submit to initiate a notice of intent. Celine indicated she has a copy. Jack Rybicki stated it would be cheaper to fill in parts of the Central Street property than have DPW clear and grade the Kent Way parcel. Mark identified that the original purpose of the purpose of purchasing the Kent Way parcel was to create additional ball fields for the local baseball and softball programs, as it would abut an existing ballfield. Jack indicated he was involved with the baseball programs and there is not a need for additional ball fields as enrollment is way down.

V. New Business:

Some Committee members could no longer open up documentation sent by Jack Rybicki. The discussion regarding potential Central Street uses will be moved to a later date. Michael announced that RUSH Northshore wanted to secure space for a summer initiative. Mark reminded the group that according to our own policy we are not able to commit for the summer until a later date.

Action Items.

Michael will follow up with Town Administrator regarding Port-A-Potties placement and liability.

Mark will contact TYSA and inform them of the credit.

Celine and Mark will coordinate getting a copy of the plans for Kent Way.

Committee develop annual spending plan, with desired acquisitions/purchases to be submitted to the Committee.

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

Next Meeting Scheduled for January 19th, 2020 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 7:44 pm. Motioned by Dave D., seconded by Celine; Motion Approved.