



**Newbury Recreation Committee
Minutes: January 19th, 2021
Virtual meeting Via Zoom
Meeting number 82760525889**

APPROVED

I. Meeting Called: 6:01pm

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 Volpone, Dave Dempsey and Mark Sandt. Alicia Greco. 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 Newbury resident and Deb Woodward, also a Newbury resident.

Michael motioned to suspend order of the meeting, seconded Dave Dempsey. Motion passed. Chris provided site plans for the basketball court. A review of the plans by the Conservation Commission agent indicated that no Permit would be required. The plans identified the location of the court and staging area. Mark questioned how this might impede access to the rear of the property. Chris indicated that was the bid was accepted, we could work with the contractor to provide passage to rear of the property. The project is estimated to take 4 – 6 weeks. Proposed budget includes prevailing wages. The top end estimate is in excess of \$200,000. Chris stated that the appropriate Town fiscal agent must certify that the funds were available for the bid to be accepted. The Committee can not accept a bid in hopes that additional money can be secured to cover the costs. The Committee has \$109,000 in secured funding. The Committee examined the expenditures. Mark asked about the composite of the backboards. Chris showed a sample of the setup, indicating it was an acrylic backboard. The Committee questioned the expense to fully enclosure the playing area in 10 foot fencing, opting for a 4 foot high containing half the playing area. Chris

recommended that the RFP is written to ask for a base bid for the work, with a prioritized list of improvements, based on costs. A revised budget was created, bringing the estimated cost down to \$131,312. He indicated that the additional items must be taken in order of priority, not by costs.

David Broll 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 David Broll. Motion approved.

III. **Correspondences:**

Alicia clarified that it is her understanding that the Town pays for the Port-A Potties and the cleaning on Plum Island.

IV. **Bill Schedule:**

Invoice of \$3725 from the Huntress Associates for initial Basketball Court was submitted.

V. Old Business:

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

Central Street. Jack R. spoke again about his desire to see the Central Street area fully developed before beginning work on the Kent Way property.

VI. New Business:

Action Items.

Mike, along with Chris Huntress will meet with the Town Administrator and/or the procurement officer to final the RFP.

Dave Dempsey will confirm that the Town does in fact pay for the Port-A-Potties on Plum Island.

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

Next Meeting Scheduled for February 1st, 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 7:33 pm. Motioned by Dave Dempsey., seconded by David Broll; Motion Approved.