

**Dawson Recreation Complex Committee**  
Recreation Department Conference Room  
1420 Main Street Holden, MA  
January 24, 2023  
Minutes

**Attendees:** David White, Chairman; David Murphy, Vice Chairman; Peg Daley, Secretary; Angela Greene, Acting Recreation Director; Jason Villnave, Sean Xenos, Don Graves

**Absent:** Jason Guamond

**Also in attendance:** Glenda Williamson, Conservation Commission & MA Trails Grant and Patrick Wood, DPW.

**Call to Order:** 7:07pm by David White

The decision whether the Committee may hire a project manager has not been decided by the Town Manager. There has been no decision about Committee member alternates. The Dawson Recreation Committee is the decision maker; the Town Manager, Peter Lucas has final say.

**Discussions:**

Members discussed the scope, cost, and need of the project and how often the Committee should meet with W&S.

Members discussed various parts of the project including: the walking track, outdoor classrooms, basketball, pickleball court (including reservations via the Recreation Department), stadium seating, rest rooms, security lighting, emergency phone, and AED/defibrillator. There will not be exercise equipment, but space for a variety of family activities. The space will be winterized.

If there is a pavilion, Timber Frame will be considered as a builder. Members discussed emergency access and the possibility of portable toilets, a snack bar, and score boards.

Glenda Williamson, Conservation Agent, discussed the Mass Trails Grant including walking trails and boardwalks. The wetland delineation of the whole site needs to be presented as Notice of Intent to the Holden Conservation Commission.

The Town must bid the land clearing and grubbing as soon as possible. Members discussed the ground water at the playground and the possibility of a retention basin.

Chairman David White suggested W&S should be present at the next meeting.

**Motion to adjourn** at 8:27 made by Don Graves. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina McAndrew  
Secretary