

Holden Inclusive Park Committee

February 13, 2024

Approved on 2/27/24

VIRTUAL ONLY

ZOOM Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88620389225?pwd=MDczYVYk2Vk03dTRldTRLRi9sRDJWZz09>

(Meeting Minutes in Blue)

Committee Members In Attendance: Jen Renzoni, Kate Andrus, Peg Daley, Michelle Grewal, Robyn Floyd

Not in Attendance: N/A

Town Staff in Attendance: Anthony Renzoni, at 8:05PM

Members of Public: Sam Curtis (WPI Intern), Oakie's iPhone (2) joined at 7:07, left around 7:46; Erin Roache joined at 7:45ish, left before 8:19

AGENDA & NOTES:

1. Call to Order 7:00pm Call to order from 7:05

2. Review and approve meeting minutes & review email 7:05pm
Defer and review all next time

3. Park Design 7:10pm

JR—Update from Doug, retrying his design, we evolved, working with Ray directly for CAD site plan. Doug may not make the 2/27 meeting, but thinking % and his participation is TBD. Expressed concern about the space with full ramping. We can be flexible with space, but Ray would not draw it until next phase of project and payment.

Space for ramping is extensive.

MG—Will check in with Colin from Landscape Structures.
KA will email Jon Jalbert back

HYS—review emails from HYS Vice President from the fall.

KA will summarize HYS and RF will reach out to Lacrosse.

John Chaffin from RAD sports is turf supplier for Dawson—MG will email. Info came from Dave White and Dawson project. What is our goal with emailing him?

John Chaffin

jc@radsports.com

Cell: 508.400.0955

John has excelled in the construction industry for 30 years. He is a graduate of Worcester State College with extensive expertise in the synthetic turf and all-weather running track industry. John has been involved in the successful installation of hundreds of athletic facility projects

4. Town Update 7:50pm

JR shared: Very exciting news—state proposing \$25,000 earmark for the project, however it has to be spent by June 30, 2024. Meet with J. Woodsmall and/or Ray. Could it be used for demolition? Kim Ferguson helped do this.

JR-Selectman Renzoni—said to expect town meeting in the fall due to potential budget override.

PD: all permits for project, going out to bid, consultant knows many businesses on similar projects. Seem 5-7 anxious to bid. Will review bids in March. Might have shovels in ground by April, kids on fields in spring 2026. Committee is asking for more money and not sure when or which town meeting. We have to accept lowest bid that has quality standards met.

JR—Board has not seen any proposed warrant articles.

5. WPI Intern Update 8:00pm

JR—asking Sam for an update. She has been busy. 212 responses, not yet analyzed. SC checked in about paper copies.

JR also asked Karen Phillips about reaching out to her senior population.

SC—has done three interviews and has 3 more to do at a minimum. And will get access to transcripts. Three people so far all very excited.

Three Women—Mom near park with young kids, excited about the 2-5 age

Therapist for children with special needs—had cool insights about benefits of inclusive play

Mom in area with son with Autism—no one really knows where it stands.

JR and SC will meet Friday and SC will share more, possible Google Site

6. Social Media Update 8:10pm

—Tune in for BOS for updates

—Reminder post around 2/23 for survey.

—Update on project progress after BOS meeting

—Funding update

-3 playgrounds

-2 soccer organizations

-1 WPI intern info

7. Future Dates 8:20pm

JR–Board of Selectman (2/26), update, maybe some graphics. MG will update slides

February 26–Upstairs, Town Hall, Monday, at BOS meeting start at 6:30, committee to meet at 6:15. Copy 3 days ahead of time to Abby and she disseminates to board and she sends to Holden Access TV. Would have to be done by next Thursday.

February 27–HMLD

March 5–HMLD

March 19–HMLD

April 2–HMLD

April 23–HMLD

8. Citizen Comment 8:25pm

Erin Oakley, Michael Conlin at 15 Marlen, residents in house with access road just beyond the fence. They spoke to us Hallowwen. Interested and excited in the park, shared how muddy that field gets, neighborhood has water problems, questions about new field, erosion, where will the water be pushed to

JR–has not been surveyed yet, on paper design phase. Until projects gets approved, survey will happen after. Possible rain garden, ways to control water. Good concern and will continue to bring up.

Second quick question–lights: will there be lights, will there be shut offs.

JR–Lighting that we are looking at, “central park” type lighting, dark sky compliant lighting and we did talk about shut off time, but also not at that exact time. Hope to have lights shut off at reasonable time per season.

9. Adjournment

RF will reach out to another contact to get more information about field usage and invite guest to come to future meetings

JR–confirm, slide deck done by Wednesday.

Confirming action items

JR–Woodmsall and Ray

KA–Jon J

MG–Jon (turf) and Colin

JR–On Mountaineer Mamas

RF–Lacrosse and sports contact

JR will get survey closing date to Kate after Friday meeting.

Motion to adjourn KA, Second RF, Vote 5-0-0