

Parks Commission Meeting
Thursday 3/20/24 6:30pm
1750 Washington St or Remote

In person attendees: Brian McDonald, Steve Bigelow, Richard Morse, Melissa Kaspert, Mark Frank, Shannon Cornwell, Bob Nemet, Jay Robinson

Flagg School Discussion

Ms. Kaspert reported that the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) voted to move forward with funding for a 30% cost benefit engineering plan. CPC will bring this to town meeting in May 2024. It should be noted that the deed of the land requires that it be used for a school purpose which this plan meets.

Mr. Robinson joined the discussion and will share the plan/anticipated steps with the finance committee to keep the group updated.

The commission updated Mr. Robinson on the other projects and future plans for other recreation spaces in town including Goodwill Park, the Woodland St and Mayflower Landing sites, high school baseball and softball fields.

Project updates

Goodwill Park - Mr. Frank shared with the commission that only one bid came in for the project. The working group will continue to narrow the scope of the project to fit within the allocation funded by CPC.

HHS backstop - Additional fill needed to be added to level the ground around the construction. Tree work will need to be completed to prevent future damage to the new nets. The project is on pace to be completed by April 17th incentive deadline.

Beach/trail repair and lake/weed management treatment schedule will be discussed at the next meeting.

Summer programming update - Ms. Cornwell shared that the summer camps are essentially full and there has been interest in the outside vendor half day camps as well. The new camp registration process opened up the opportunity to pay for camp in installments versus up front in full making camp accessible to more families. The Josh Taylor fund is available for those requesting financial assistance.

Mural at Blair Square pavilion - Mr. Morse spoke with the Cultural Council about covering the gray door in the back of the pavilion with a mural. The plan is to set up a committee and set parameters for submissions. Mr. Morse will continue to work with the council and Mr. Frank will bring it to the selectboard's attention.

Mr. Bigelow made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Morse seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned.