

Holliston Parks Commission
Wednesday September 26, 2019
7:00 PM @ 1750 Washington Street

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Shaw Lively

Attendees: Shaw Lively, James Keast, Tom Chipman, Paul Healy, Mark Frank, Bob Nemet

Agenda

- Minutes approval
- CPC Capital Request for field renovations
- Master Plan phasing and prioritizing
- Rail Trail Connection
- ESS Grant (if applicable)
- Pickleball courts
- Once Around

The board discussed the meeting minutes for the May 1, 2019 meeting and agreed that they accurately reflected the meeting. James Keast made a motion to accept the minutes. Shaw Lively seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Frank Updated the board on the presentations that took place at the Finance Committee, Selectmen and CPC meetings. Mark had gone over the capital request for the grooming machine and the CPC request for the field improvements. Mark Frank then explained to the board that since those meetings feedback from various groups, most notably Old Man Softball., had created some question about one aspect of the plan: moving the Stoddard softball field. Mark suggested that we could leave the field there and reallocate some of the money in our request to do additional work renovating Adams field. This would improve the conditions for High School baseball. The board discussed these potential changes and weighed the benefits and drawbacks. The board also discussed how the amended plan fits into the master planning assessment from Beals and Thomas.

James Keast made a motion to amend the plan to keep Stoddard softball field in place and add some work to Adams—Mark would follow up with CPC, Fincom and Select Board. Tom Chipman seconded the motion. Passes Unanimously

The Rail Trail connection was also discussed. Mark was waiting for input from the building inspector to determine next steps. The board is looking forward to working with the rail trail committee and the friends of the rail trail to determine the steps needed to finalize the connection.

Shaw Lively noted that we should put some time aside at a future meeting—next meeting to specifically discuss the phasing of the master plan and how to implement it. He also suggested that we create a smaller working group including Mark Frank, Shaw Lively and another park commissioner to do some prep work on the subject in-between public meetings.

Next meeting was tentatively set for 10/17.

Shaw Lively called meeting adjourned at 8:04pm; James Keast seconded; all in favor