

Open Space & Recreation  
May 8, 2019 Monthly Meeting

Attendees: Stev McDonough, Cathy Richardson, Maura Campbell, Dennis Visconti, David Goodberg, Steve Sylvester, Therese DiBlasi

Absent members: James Sarno, Jack Bracchiotti

Meeting called to order 6:39 pm

## Agenda

- Approval of Minutes
  - Motion made to accept as written
  - Approved
- Reorganization
  - Nominations:
    - Chair - Stev McDonough
    - Vice Chair – Steve Sylvester
    - Secretary – Cathy Richardson
  - All approved
- Recreation Dept. – Steve Angelo
  - Egg Hunt on common 4/19
    - 400-500 kids
    - Town Mtg - Cap item for Steele playground approved
      - Convos in process w multiple vendors
      - Goal to break ground in fall
      - RFP w/b in process
      - Park grant opened last week – hopefully will get grant \$\$ for ~100K
    - Successful event for kids during town mtg - ~ 60 kids in attendance
- Stoneham Arena
  - Report attached
  - Maura will reach out to Jill to bill the 1 year advertisers
  - Still 4 spots available for signs
  - New Zamboni needed
- Dog Park
  - Has been in process for last 3 years
  - Brief History
    - OSR is advisory committee to Select Board
    - Land - TA can designate

- Have looked at over 30 locations, got list from town of all open space
- Looked at funding sources – Stanton Foundation,
  - Town must formally request, not OSR
  - Stanton only give \$\$ for town owned land, 3 categories of land in town
    - School controlled
    - Conservation controlled
    - TA controlled land no unused open space, not looking to take away any land currently in use, looking at under utilized space
- Looked at what other towns done, looked at properties
- Town Open Space plan also developed during this time - looked at addl properties identified – school land, conservation land, too residential, too hilly etc. Short list developed
- Need a support group in place – 501c. Need Comm of Mass approval due to fundraising that would occur. Stanton wants to see support from town members
- Would like to get input/participation from all dog owners, beyond registered.
- Max grant is 200k, must follow strict guidelines
- Design process needed to develop cost, then present to capital committee, then present to SB to get their input
- Will be resistance to any location
- Arlington – 1<sup>st</sup> to use Stanton Foundation \$\$\$. Their park is in middle of soccer fields. Many stipulations on size, etc. A town employee needs to be on board of 501C
- Need benches, 2 access points
- Takes a long time to go through process, need to find right location, needs parking, large enough, not close to residential, need access to H2O,
- Have a website: [stonehamdogpark.com](http://stonehamdogpark.com) – will be simple, goal to provide simple updates
- Hoping to grow town support group to support OSR in moving forward
  - OSR tip of spear, dog owners feathers keeping us steady
- Comments/Questions
  - Sandy Lotti
    - Met w John Macero, asked about land in front of middle school, was designated as school property which means under control of school committee, they would need to relinquish control

- Pine Banks – no H2O or lighting
  - Rear of Senior Center barn is ideal
  - Also need to consider ongoing maintenance
  - Who owns land behind LA Fitness? Likely not town owned
  - Eric(SYS)
    - In favor of dog park, but doesn't support Sr Ctr
    - Willing to help find land
  - John Loftus – piece of land back of Unicorn/Lindenwood
  - Anthony Wilson – potential spot west of Maple
  - 3 acre parcel west of 93 - former Atlantic Gelatin, part is in Stoneham
- Golf
  - Report attached
  - 25K approved for nets at Town Mtg
  - Revenue up 40% from last April
- Old Business
  - none
- New Business
  - none

Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm