

Dover Long Range Planning Committee

May 6, 2014

Attendees: Jack Donoghue, Rich Forté, Robyn Hunter, Sue Sheridan,
Peter Smith, Wally Weld

Also Present: Chris Boland, Park & Rec

Location: Town Garage Meeting Room

Mr. Donoghue called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

1. Approval of minutes of prior meetings

Mr. Forté moved that the minutes of the April 1 meeting be approved, seconded by Mr. Weld. The motion was approved unanimously by all who had been in attendance.

2. Parks and Recreation

Chris Boland attended to discuss the current direction of the Parks and Recreation Commission. He explained that they view their mission as fourfold: park land management, resource conservation, recreation program development, and youth sports stewardship.

Land management – parks, playing fields, town green, and library – is the principal budget driver for wages and equipment. They are actively looking into ways of doing this more efficiently, including a professional survey of irrigation practices and possibly a soil survey.

Priority for playing field use goes to Chickering; finding time for youth and adult clubs is challenging. They are embarking on a study to quantify the marginal cost of club sports on top of the Chickering use to ensure that fees fully recover that cost. More playing fields would allow expanded use, but past votes at Town Meeting made it clear that the people of Dover do not want to sacrifice other parkland for that purpose.

Non-sports programs are being expanded, including Friday night movies on the town green this summer.

*Mr. Forté moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Sheridan;
the motion was agreed by consensus at 7:55 pm*

The next meeting will be June 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Town Garage

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Smith, Secretary

Approved June 3, 2014