

**Board of Selectmen
August 21, 2019**

Present: Mark P. Duffy, Chair (joined the session 2 minutes in); Richard C. Edwards; Kenneth S. Paul; and Kelley A. Collins, Town Administrator.

Those also present included Wayne Robinson, Parks & Rec Director; Matt Frye, Jim Hilton and Bob Barcelona, UNH Dept of Recreation Management & Policy; and those indicated on the sign-in sheet. Todd Nason joined the session in progress.

Mr. Edwards called the session to order at approximately 6 p.m., leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced Mr. Robinson to explain the purpose of this session. Mr. Robinson referred to the Needs Assessment conducted by UNH and introduced Matt Frye, Jim Hilton and Bob Barcelona to make a PowerPoint presentation regarding the results of that assessment.

Mr. Barcelona et al. reviewed the process followed, the demographics involved and their findings. Mr. Hilton spoke to the possible use of a multi-generational facility and what such a facility could include. Mr. Frye discussed possible funding. They would recommend a mixture of funding sources, to include taxation, user fees, grants, private fund raising and joint efforts with non-profit groups. The recommended site for such a facility is the existing ballpark complex, which would result in one-stop recreation for all. Should the Board decide to move forward, the next step would be a site feasibility study to ensure the recommended site would be adequate.

Another alternative would be to re-purpose an existing building (usually a school). Mr. Duffy questioned whether this feasibility study had previously been accomplished. Mr. Robinson indicated it had not. It was discussed a number of years ago at Deliberative Session, but it was not approved. He also advised Mr. Duffy that we currently do not run events for profit, although we do run a number of self-funding programs.

The Greater Wakefield Resource Center was discussed as a potential site for such a facility. Mr. Barcelona noted that while it is an interesting building, there is not sufficient space for a gym, and the parking availability is also insufficient. Discussed the possibility of separating senior/youth events. UNH's stats do not support that separation. Ms. Collins spoke to various difficulties in considering such a use for the GWRC.

Mr. Duffy referred to 'wants' vs. 'needs'. He stressed that the Town currently has 2 red-listed bridges that need attention. When asked, Mr. Robinson estimated the cost of a feasibility study to be in the area of \$35,000, to include conceptual drawings, site review, etc. Discussed other successful facilities that have generated funding through space rental. Mr. Duffy stated that the next step would be to include the cost of a feasibility study on the warrant to see what the voters want.

Mr. Duffy called for a 10-minute recess. He called the meeting back to order and introduced Melodie Esterberg, NH DoT Project Manager. Ms. Esterberg shared a map of work to be scheduled at the railroad crossing just south of the Route 153 intersection of Route 16. This work will be accomplished over a 4-day period (Friday noon to Monday noon) sometime in April or early May 2020. Ms. Esterberg provided a description of the project, which is required to improve safety and address code issues. NH DoT will provide advance notice, as well as signage and barricades.

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Consideration was given in minimizing the disruption to school buses, as well as avoiding sending the work week traffic through Union village.


Ms. Collins will confirm the date of Pride Day 2020, as well as the dates for local school vacation. She will be provided with a telephone # at the NH DoT to share with callers with questions. This project will go out to bid this fall.

Mr. Duffy noted that a left-hand turn signal at the referenced intersection would be nice!

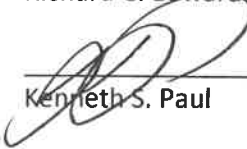
Mr. Duffy moved to adjourn at approximately 7:20 p.m. Mr. Paul seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bodah, Secretary
(Transcribed from Clearview Community TV Video)

Approval of Minutes:



Mark P. Duffy, Chair

Richard C. Edwards

Kenneth S. Paul