

October 28th, 2020
Fuller Field Commission Meeting Minutes
6:45pm
Clinton Parks & Recreation Building
560 High Street

Call to Order: 6:48pm

Attendance: Director Rosa Kairit via zoom, Chairperson Matt Kobus, Commissioner John Baird, Commissioner Amanda Agnitti via zoom and Commissioner Mike Garofoli. Select Board Bill Connolly.

Administrative:

Vote on Commissioner Roles - Matt asks if Ed is with us, he is not. We can vote now or wait for Ed. John recommends we do it now. Amanda recommends we postpone it till we are all together. Matt asks if John would like to make a motion. John asks who is acting Chair. Matt says he is. John asks if Amanda is making a motion. Amanda motions to postpone this matter till we are all together. No second. Motion fails. John motions we carry out the vote. Mike seconds. Mike asks what the roles and responsibilities are. Matt clarifies. Mike nominates Matt as the chair. John asks if there is no second what do we do. Matt indicates we don't need a second, its a nomination and then a vote. John recommends we keep it consistent with Parks and Recreation Commission Board since they will need to merge to keep them as similar. Matt indicates its the off season so there is very little business that needs to be carried over. Mike says the structure should be consistent. Matt says the Fuller Field Commission dissolves into the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mike motion is to have Matt be the chair until it dissolves. John asks if there is a second. Matt says you don't have to second. Mike votes I, Matt I, Amanda No, John No, Matt indicates there was no other nomination made. Amanda nominates John to be Chair. Bill interjects. Discussion. A vote was made and the vote failed. Mike motions to get on with new business. John seconds.

Vote for FFC meeting dates to mirror CPR Meeting Dates John motions that for our November 18th & December 16th meetings we meet at 6pm for the Fuller Field Commission and 6:30 for the Parks & Recreation Commission. Mike seconds. All in favor.

Parks & Recreation

Review of Transition Plan -

Based upon the projected timeline from the special legislation we'll have four meetings. Each one focusing on a different pillar. Tonight look at historical documentation, property boundaries, commission destination aka division, as well as the signage and projects. Next meeting going over mission vision, needs and budgeting. December scheduling process, users and fees. And then January 2021 budget planning for fiscal

year 2022. Rosa asks in January. Matt says yes in January. Rosa asks who is planning the budget for next year. Matt says the Fuller Field Commission. Once the special legislation passes it moves to Park & Recreation. Matt says the budget is minimal. Rosa is concerned about having to include that in her budget in January. Matt says the budget comes down to capital improvements. There is nothing in the budget, as it's part of the facilities. Discussion on new scoreboard. Matt says the budgeting in the past has been tight but through volunteerism it has worked. Ongoing issues with the complex haven't been addressed. They have worsened over time. The wall along Worcester Street and High Street has been compromised. The field house has issues whether it is the mold or leaky roof. The positive is the facilities being in place they can address these issues. Mike asks if they are actively on a list to do in that department? Are they aware? Matt says some things are and some things aren't. Mike asks if there is an accounting of that. Matt indicates the facility director spends a great deal of time at the field and it shows. Matt says the field is back on field maintenance schedule. Matt provides deed and the Fuller Families wishes for the field. The Fuller Field is not to be locked up, it is suppose to be open to the public at all times. Mike asks about what type of feedback he has gotten back from the facilities department? Matt indicates he communicates mostly through email with them. Mike asks if he can make recommendations as he goes through his presentation? Matt indicates at the end we can. Matt indicates a yard is part of Fuller Field property on Worcester Street. And a shed is part of Town Property. Parking has been identified as the biggest obstacle in getting grants. Issue with parking on Worcester Street, can only park on one side. Some tree removal opened up some spacing. The town is adding material there from the high street project. Mike asks if the fill proposal is happening right now. Mr. McGown said all the material is clean. Mike asks if Matt envisioned anything else on that ledge, would any of that be usable. Matt indicates where the trees were removed is part of a warrant article. Fencing will be installed so people can't throw trash over there. This survey will be crucial to addressing the parking. Then have a civil engineer look at how many parking spots we can fit across the street from Parks and Recreation. Commission mission and vision, one of the priorities recognized was establishing a brand. Try and brand to market the property. Matt had a logo created. Baseball since 1878, Fuller Field Established 1921. Signage around the park has been updated with the emblem and what each is for to catch the eye of people in the complex. Lighting doesn't have the funding to be installed. Mike asks what the lighting is for. Matt indicates where it should be replaced. Matt discusses Steinber, connections to Redsox and visions they had and opportunities. Matt indicates a lot of football is played at the field. Commission destination, Matt reached out to Mr. Reverty, Clinton resident who is an artist. Matt has been working with him to put together a main entranceway. To have an attraction on high street. Matt met with a metal fabricator two weeks ago. All and all it would be about \$24,000 to do a water jet cut archway coming in. Matt has more to share later. It captures that historical feel. Mike asks if Matt envisions this as a feature to the town that draws people here, a benefit to the community as opposed to just a facility people are going to just lace up their cleats? Matt says yes. To have something in the town people can be proud of. To have an attraction for people as it's a historical landmark. Matt gives an example of someone coming here from San Diego. Matt has done some research at the Holder Memorial on the history of the field. This isn't just a field, its a landmark. Mike suggests we keep that line of thinking and philosophy. Going forward

we have a running accounting of what issues are recommended to the facilities department and follow up report on a regular basis. He makes a motion that we provide the facilities department with a list of concerns and issues that we as a board have with the condition of the facility and then ask for a resolution. John asks what those issues are. Mike says we don't know, that's what we'll find in the transition. Mike says Matt had a list of concerns. John says we should get the list prior to making a motion. Matt clarifies information he outlined in the presentation and indicates more information will be provided in our next meeting. Mike withdraws motion. Mike's personal view is we should promote this facility, he's impressed.

New & Old Business / Open Discussion

Matt mentions it may be easier to structure the Fuller Field and Parks & Recreation Commission but he isn't looking for easy. There are already irons in the fire. Matt asks if the Chair will need to be briefed about existing projects with Mr. McGown. How will that work logistically. Will you need to be briefed upon that until completion, that is more entailing then having a monthly conversation with the director about the agenda. There is a lot more to this than keeping things status quo. Mike understands.

John motions to adjourn 7:43, Mike seconds.