

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF WINDHAM BOARD OF COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE
PUBLIC SAFETY, RECREATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
Wednesday May 23 2012 at 7:00 PM
Windham Town Hall Main Meeting Room
979 Main Street
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1. Call to Order.

Chairman Jerry Iazzetta called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Committee members present: Lorraine McDevitt, Charles Krich, Tom DeVivo.

Town Staff Present: Town Manager Neal Beets, Public Works Superintendent Brad Wojick, Assistant Public Works Director Scott Clairmont, Town Engineer Joe Gardner

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizens and Delegations.

Joe Marsalisi passed out state statutes regarding dispatch center. He reported Dispatch Board is working with Town Manager.

Dennis Cronin spoke in favor of building a dirt BMX bike area adjacent to the skate park.

David Walencewicz spoke in favor of the BMX bike area.

Ray Soto spoke in favor of a BMX area.

Steve Baklik of Moodus spoke in favor of a BMX bike area.

Chairman Jerry Iazzetta asked for a show of hands of who was present regarding BMX area. Fifteen persons present raised their hands. He asked if one or two more could speak then to move on with agenda.

Jeff Winston spoke how he started a facebook site, great enthusiasm for a BMX area.

4. Town Council Subcommittee Member Comments.

Lorraine McDevitt commented that skate boarders are using park and not sidewalks.

Tom Devivo commented that potential grant money for streetscapes could be used to meet match for bike path project in case Whitewater cannot secure funding.

5. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on April 25, 2012.

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt to approve minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Tom Devivo and passed with Tom DeVivo abstaining.

6. Discussion Regarding a BMX Area Adjacent to the Skate Park.

Town Engineer Joe Gardner reported that initial work could include two rows of humps as Shown on detail in packet. Future could be a small circular area called a pump track.

Tom DeVivo spoke in favor

Jerry Iazzetta had concerns regarding manpower.

Brad Wojick reported manpower not a problem. Will provide place for kids to go. Charles Krich requested a presentation by Recreation Department at next council meeting.

A motion was made by Tom DeVivo to forward to Council. The motion was seconded by Lorraine McDevitt and passed three in favor with Iazzetta abstaining.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Dispatch Center.

Town Manager Neal Beets gave an update. Meeting scheduled for May 10, 2012 had been postponed, waiting on Dispatch Centers Attorney.

Tom DeVivo questioned if Town buildings were using dispatch center to monitor alarms or private firms. Dispatch would do at no cost.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Transfer Station Usage by Landlords.

Scott Clairmont presented proposed landlord permit. He explained process and how usage would be tracked. Permit had been submitted to Landlord Association that day and they were receptive.

Jerry Iazzetta stated that fees were not high and landlords should be happy.

Charles Krich expressed concern about abuse.

Scott Clairmont explained how they would be tracking to prevent abuse.

Brad Wojick requested that it take effect July 6, 2012, and would try for one year.

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt to bring to Council with a start date of July 6, 2012. The motion was seconded by Charles Krich and passed with three in favor and Tom DeVivo abstaining.

9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Memorandum of Understanding to Share a Director of Public Works and Facilities with the Board of Education.

Town Manager Neal Bets explained that Board of Education lost their Facilities Director and had initiated a search for a replacement. They had contacted the Town Manager and suggested sharing the Public Works Director. Brad Wojick would supervise the five Maintenance Staff. Custodians would be under each school's principal. We could share equipment, staff to benefit of Town.

Lorraine McDevitt asked if Brad's office would move.

Brad Wojick responded it would not. He explained his Assistant and the Town Engineer would be assisting him. When approved he would meet with staff and unions.

Tom DeVivo felt it was a good idea.

Lorraine McDevitt reported that Triboard was recommending this.

Charles Krich and Jerry Iazzetta discussed wording of paragraph's 3 and 4. Town Manager is to make revisions

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt, seconded by Tom DeVivo to bring to the Council with questions still to be answered in reference to the Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

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10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Tom DeVivo and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Gardner
Town Engineer