

**RECREATION MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023, 7:00 AM  
VIA ZOOM REMOTE MEETING PLATFORM**

*Pursuant to Gov. Baker signing into law An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations, extending the expiration of the provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2023, the Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee held its meeting remotely via Zoom. A link was provided for participation by members of the public in real time.*

**Members present:** Melissa Crocker, Trevor MacDonald, Charlie Hipwood, Mark Ferris, Shirley Small-Rougeau, Kate Carlson, Kelly LaRocque, Ben Polimer, Chris Fitzgerald.

**Absent:** Maija Cirulis-Gooch, Alex Cobb, Mike McGrath, Pete Foley.

**Guests:** From Activitas - Patrick Maguire, Steve Crisafulli, Meghan Donahue.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 AM.

**Public Comments:** None.

**RMPSC Governance**

A brief discussion about the chair position took place, Ms. Crocker stated that she was happy to continue in this role and all members present indicated support for this. No change was proposed to the chair position.

**Light considerations for field 1**

Mr. Hipwood relayed a discussion he had with the School Committee about potentially adding lights to Field 1 at the high school. Previously, the president of boosters was told SC was not interested in pursuing this; now they are receptive. Mr. Hipwood was asked to provide usage data and get an idea of funding sources, many of the youth sports groups in town expressed support; boosters are supportive, and a request was made to the Community Preservation Committee to determine if lighting was eligible for CPA funding. Mr. Hipwood will continue looking into this.

**Pickleball and tennis design updates.**

Mr. Maguire presented an altered concept intended to address many of the design suggestions that were offered at the January 18 public input session. This included larger areas outside of one of the battery of 4-courts and another larger area outside of the 2-accessible courts for gathering and monitoring play. The Committee was supportive of including these areas in design as it continues to progress. Further discussion took place on mitigation for tree removal and strategic plantings to prevent leaves and acorns from impacting the courts.

**Future meetings:**

Conservation Commission – Tuesday, January 31, 7 PM

*Discussing NOI and amendment to the College Pond MOU between Recreation Commission and Conservation Commission.*

CPC – Monday, March 6, 7 PM

RMPSC regular meeting – Friday, February 17, 7AM

*The meeting adjourned at 7:57 AM.*

