

**RECREATION MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 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, 2025, 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, Shirley Small-Rougeau, Kelly LaRocque, Maija Cirulis-Gooch, Mark Ferris, Kate Carlson, Chris Fitzgerald.

**Absent:** Alex Cobb, Mike McGrath, Pete Foley, Ben Polimer.

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

**Resident comments:** None.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from the February 17 meeting was reviewed and approved.

### **Pickleball and tennis/basketball**

Mr. Fitzgerald detailed a meeting held the previous week with the Town Moderator, Town Council and Town Manager regarding Town Meeting logistics for providing options for separating pickleball from tennis/basketball. After considering scenarios involving one, two or three warrant articles, the group felt it would be easier for Town Meeting to understand the intent if it were presented as one article for the full project (pickleball + tennis/basketball) but with three possible motions – Motion 1, full project. If it passes, move on to the next article. If it doesn't pass, then motion 2, pickleball then motion 3, tennis/basketball. The Committee agreed that this will still accomplish what they intended, but Ms. Crocker asked to put it to a vote for clarity.

### **VOTE**

**Motion: To present the pickleball/tennis/basketball project to Town Meeting as one article with three possible motions, as described above, and per the recommendation of the Town Moderator and Town Council.**

*Moved: Ms. Crocker, second: Mr. Ferris.*

Roll call vote – all in favor.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Next Ms. Crocker shared a draft presentation being prepared for Finance Committee, CPC and Town Meeting. The Committee offered suggestions at various points to help Ms. Crocker edit it.

Mr. Fitzgerald then went over an updated cost estimate received less than 24-hours before this meeting and shared with the group about 14-hours in advance. The committee provided Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Crocker with questions to be asked that could fine tune the estimate in a meeting being planned with the designer.

**Future meetings:**

Next RMPSC – Friday, April 14 with a suggestion to call one earlier if needed to address concerns that will be brought up with CPC, Finance Committee and Planning Board.

**Other meetings**

CPC – Monday, February 27, 7 PM and Monday, March 13, 7 PM.

Finance Committee – Thursday, March 9.

Planning Board – Wednesday, March 15.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:15 AM.*