

**WESTON RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023
6 PM, WESTON MEMORIAL POOL**

Members Present: Eric Rosenthal (Chair), Drew D’Amaro, Chika Nwaozuzu, Trevor MacDonald, and Melissa Crocker.

Absent Adam King, Marcy Dorna.

Staff: Chris Fitzgerald (Director) Sharon Locke (Assistant Director)

The meeting began at 6:15 PM

Resident Comments: None

Previous minutes: The minutes from the March 30 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The January 9, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Memorial Pool Construction

Mr. Fitzgerald led a tour of the Memorial Pool and provided construction updates in each area. To date, everything is progressing on schedule.

In November, a tree that wasn’t planned to be removed had the roots compromised when digging for drainage. Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the concerns from the Planning Board and a plan to replace the tree at the top of the hill near the white pines. Planning Board had scheduled a site visit for April 11 to help determine the best place for tree placement.

Pickleball, tennis and basketball court update

Melissa Crocker and Chris Fitzgerald

CPC approval, bidding status, Town Meeting

Ms. Crocker and Mr. Fitzgerald led a discussion on the updates for the pickleball, tennis and basketball court project at Burchard Park.

Total project cost is \$1.9 m. the RMPSC will propose one article with three possible motions:

- Motion 1 – entire project. If it passes, no more motions. If it fails, then motions 2 and 3.
- Motion 2 – pickleball only
- Motion 3 – tennis and basketball only.

The CPC unanimously supported the project and the RMPSC’s request to have the option for three motions. Further discussion detailed the visits that were made to Finance Committee and Planning Board. The project has been posted for bidding with a deadline of submittal on Tuesday, April 25, 2 PM.

Conservation MOU Amendment

The Conservation Commission approved the amendment to the College Pond MOU to allow for pickleball to be added to Burchard Park. Recreation Commission needed to vote to approve and then sign.

VOTE

Motion: To approve the conditions of the amendment to the college pond MOU and sign, granting permission for pickleball courts to be built at Burchard Park according to the plan that's been permitted.

Moved: Mr. MacDonald; Second: Mr. D'Amaro

All in favor.

Motion carried unanimously.

All Recreation Commissioners present signed the amendment (attached, along with the original MOU and the first amendment that is referenced in the current amendment).

Director updates

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed day to day updates regarding the new software, camp and pool registrations.

Future Meetings:

The next meeting will be on May 25, 2023, 7 PM at the Weston Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Attachment 1: Amendment 2 to the College Pond MOU between Recreation Commission and Conservation Commission.

TOWN OF WESTON
AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO
AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION
AREAS OF THE COLLEGE CONSERVATION AREA

This Amendment to “Agreement for Management of Recreation Areas of the College Conservation Area,” dated December 26, 1978 (hereinafter, the “Original Agreement”), as amended by Amendment No. 1, dated September 10, 2007 (the “First Amendment”), entered into by and between the Conservation Commission of the Town of Weston and the Recreation Commission of the Town of Weston (hereinafter, collectively, referred to as the “two Commissions”).

Reference herein is made to the following plans and documents (hereinafter, collectively referred to as the “Pertinent Documents”):

1. Self-Help Program Project Agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated April 22, 1977 (hereinafter, the “Self-Help Agreement”); and
2. Notice of Intent prepared for the Town of Weston Recreation Commission, by Activitas, Inc., dated January 10th, 2023 (hereinafter, the “NOI”), including a plan entitled “Town of Weston Bucharth Park Pickleball and Tennis Renovations,” dated March 20th, 2023, prepared by Activitas (hereinafter, the “Project Plan”).
3. Order of Conditions, DEP File #337-1460, issued to the Town of Weston Recreation Department, dated February 22nd, 2023, and recorded at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 81303, Page 473 (hereinafter, the “OOC”).

WHEREAS, the Original Agreement provides for certain limitations on the recreational use of a portion of the “College Conservation Area” and the recreation area described therein (the “Recreation Area”); and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission desires to construct, operate and maintain pickleball courts at the Recreation Area, as described in the NOI and depicted on the Project Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Conservation Commission and the Recreation Commission that these improvements at the Recreation Area require either the joint agreement of the parties or the approval of the Conservation Commission, and/or amendment of the Original Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the two Commissions to revise the Original Agreement, as amended by the First Amendment, as may be necessary to provide the necessary mutual agreement and approval by the Conservation Commission for certain facilities and structures not within the anticipation of the two Commissions at the time of the execution of the Original Agreement, and/or amendment of the Original Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the foregoing, the two Commissions agree as follows:

1. To the extent necessary, the Original Agreement is hereby amended to allow for all structures, facilities and other improvements to the Recreation Area as particularly described in the NOI, OOC, and depicted on the Project Plan.
2. Any conflict between or among the Pertinent Documents shall be resolved by deference to the NOI, OOC, and the Project Plan, and any dispute between the Conservation Commission and the Recreation Commission as to the meaning or application of this Amendment or of the Original Agreement, as amended by the First Amendment, shall be resolved as provided for such dispute resolution in the Original Agreement.
3. Said agreement, approval and/or modification of the Original Agreement shall take effect upon the vote of each of the two Commissions accepting the terms of this Amendment, and the execution of this instrument by both of the two Commissions.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed on this 31st day of March, 2023.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WESTON



Joseph Berman, Chair

Dated: 3/31/23

Amendment 2: Spring 2023 statistics

Season Statistics Report - Programs and Memberships				
Date: March 8, 2023				
Time	Registered	Waitlisted	Withdrawn	Revenue
10:30 AM	426	45	0	90,840
12:00 PM	470	77	1	99,191
Difference	44	32	1	8,355
Camp registration, March 22, 2023, 10-10:15 AM	15-minutes, 1,232 registrations processed, \$311,335.			