

**RECREATION MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021**

Pursuant to Gov. Baker's Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 modifying the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, the Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee, to ensure the safety of all participants, held its meeting remotely via Zoom: MEETING LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86979696644>, Meeting ID: 869 7969 6644.

Members present: Trevor MacDonald, Melissa Crocker, Charlie Hipwood, Shirley Small-Rougeau, Attia Linnard, Ben Polimer, Mike McGrath, Christopher Fitzgerald, Pete Foley.

Absent: Mark Ferris, Pam Martin.

Guest: Alex Cobb.

The meeting began at 7:05 AM.

Ms. Linnard was welcome as the new representative from the School Committee.

Resident Comments: None.

Minutes: The minutes from the May 21 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Recommendation for at-large position

The committee discussed the qualities that both candidates have and how they could contribute to the work of RMPSC. Ms. Krishnan's experience in planning was seen as a valuable asset; Ms. Larocque's experience with various recreational programs and willingness to advocate for adults were also seen as a valuable assets. All who spoke indicated either candidate would serve well the committee. Strategically, some indicated a balance of interests between youth and adult residents and experience in negotiating town government was the greater need. Ms. Linnard indicated she would not take a position but rather was looking for a recommendation to bring back to School Committee.

Vote:

Motion – To recommend Kelly LaRocque fill the vacant At-Large position on the Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee.

Motion – Ms. Crocker, Second – Ms. Small-Rougeau

Roll Call vote: In favor – MacDonald, Crocker, Hipwood, Small-Rougeau. Opposed – none. Abstain - Linnard.

Motion carried by majority.

Expand RMPSC membership to include Weston Youth Basketball

Mr. MacDonald stated that Weston Youth Basketball provided some input during the Master Planning process and there were initial discussions about expanding RMPSC membership to include them that never materialized. WYB has done some organizational re-structuring and is in a better position now to appoint a representative; their contribution would be beneficial given some of the objectives in the Master Plan.

Mr. Foley added he believed that WYB was represented on RMPSC when it initially started in the 2000's but wasn't sure if or why they may have been removed. All other members with input spoke favorably of adding a member to represent WYB.

VOTE

Motion: To recommend adding one position to the Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee to be appointed by Weston Youth Basketball.

Motion – Mr. Hipwood; Second – Ms. Crocker.

Roll call vote – all in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chair position

Mr. MacDonald stated that Last meeting he indicated he likes to share and is interested in stepping down from the Chair position but staying on the Committee. He and Ms. Crocker spoke recently and he wanted to nominate her to become the new Chair.

Any committee member that offered an opinion spoke favorably of electing Ms. Crocker to this role.

VOTE

Motion: To elect Melissa Crocker as the new Chair of the Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee.

Motion – Mr. Hipwood; Second – Mr. MacDonald.

Roll call vote – all in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting: Re-scheduled for Friday, July 23, 7 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 AM.