

**Open Space & Recreation Meeting**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**May 4, 2016**

**Present:** Jessica Brodie, Brian Monahan, Gene Bolinger, Cassidy Chroust  
**Public:** Sign In sheet provided

**Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm**

**Introductions & Presentation by Weston & Sampson.**

- Survey going live in next few days.
- Add WRAP group and other related groups to contact list for plan update

**Plan Summary**

- 9 sections
- Plan focuses on inventory assets & 7 year action plan
- Inventories current condition & access of facilities

**Comments from the Public:**

- Connecting Mill Pond to the Rail Trail
- Connecting Cow Commons to Town Center
- Aqueduct Connection
- Sudbury River integration into plan
- Dudley Pond, Heard Pond, Lake Cochituate Water Assets (how much could be walked & paddled to by water)
- Criteria to justify including a property into the Open Space Plan? What is criteria? (State has criteria)
- What properties should the town have interest in acquiring? Adding to plan?
- Add properties not owned by town currently, but potential to add in the future?
- Identify properties owned by another department with a Recreation/Conversation interest
- Identify Passive & Active Recreation sites (what is allowed & not allowed on each property – skiing, biking, etc)
- Identify uses on lands- Drone use, camping, horseback riding, skiing, mountain biking, etc.
- Define Passive & Active Recreation, traditional & non-traditional opportunities
- How are additional playing fields being incorporated into the plan (adding a turf field) – will collect # of users, age groups, sport groups – from a needs perspective, what is missing/required?
- Needs mentioned for additional natural grass fields or an artificial turf field (with controversy noted)
- Indoor safe walking space desired
- Follow registration trends for activities
- Swings for adults desired
- Inventory indoor needs as part of the mapping for potential sites
- Mini golf course desired
- A lot of conservation lands are “locked in” with minimal access with no parking or trail access – list these separately as part of the plan
- Artificial turf fields are a concern, so evaluate how more use can come from current natural grass fields
- Maintenance concerns with fields and how they are mowed, etc.
- Pass maps & data to the town so it can be added to the GIS system (already happening)
- Concerns with water use and irrigation – incorporate long term, town plans for water use into the plan
- Dogs Parks are desired and should be included in plan
- Investigate current fields to see how they can be improved to improve conditions
- Evaluate private lands that should be public lands
- Include and consider track and field conditions at the High School – in very poor shape and should be updated every 6 years
- Include multi-generational needs (tracks, etc)
- Include indoor recreational needs into the plan

- How does Wayland compare to other towns in total Conservation lands?
- Will inventory include conservation restrictions and what is allowed on those lands?

**Next Public Meeting:** Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 at 7:30pm in the Town Building

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.**