

PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE

Lights Subcommittee MINUTES

May 22, 2019

8:30 am at Warren Building

Attending:

Jerry Nigro – Lacrosse, Katie Griffith – NRC, Ellen Korpi – BPW, Lisa Wesley - Football, Matt Chin Recreation

Laurance Stuntz (Recreation): listening via phone

Jim Miller (Co-Chair Lights): listening via phone

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Welcome

2. Review Subcommittee Purpose

a. **The Charge:** Investigate the possibility of adding additional and improving existing lighting equipment at playing fields in Town.

b. **The Report:** Lights Subcommittee to act as fact-finders and investigators of potential paths forward. In regular consultation with the PFTF, the Subcommittee will draft a holistic report.

3. Assign Research Responsibility for Key Questions and Impacts: roles assigned

a. **Scope:** On what playing fields do the benefits of installing new lighting or improving existing lighting outweigh the costs? **Jim Miller**

b. **Type of Lights:** What specific fixtures would be recommended? How many and where? **Jerry Nigro**

c. **Improvement to the Fields:** What ground-level improvements would be necessary to accommodate the lights? **Ellen Korpi & DPW**

d. **Financial Impact:** What would the financial impact of such improvements be? **Courtney Albin – gate receipts, etc/Matt Chin electric bills kilowatt hours**

e. **Fund Raising:** How would funding be secured? **Lisa Wesley**

f. **Permits & Approvals:** What permits and approvals would be needed? **Laurance Stuntz**

g. **Terms of Use:** What would the terms of use be? How would these terms be codified and how would they be enforced? **Athletic Department – John Brown/Courtney Albin**

h. Effects of proposed lighting on:

i. Intensity of use and maintenance of fields **DPW & Jim Miller**

ii. Secondary impacts

1. Traffic **Rob Lally & Police**

2. Abutters and neighbors **Rob Lally**

3. Sound – **Katie Griffith**

iii. Creating capacity for all user groups **Courtney Albin, Jerry Nigro & Lisa Wesley**

iv. “Dark Sky” efforts, utilizing external expertise via consultant Bob Parks – **Katie Griffith**

4. Assign Responsibility for Keeping key stakeholders well informed - Assigned

a. Natural Resources Commission (NRC) – **Katie Griffith**

b. Playing Field Task Force (PFTF) **Laurance Stuntz**

c. Board of Selectmen **Laurance Stuntz & Jim Miller**

d. School Committee **Laurance Stuntz & Jim Miller**

e. Department of Public Works (DPW) **Ellen Korpi**

f. Recreation Department (REC) **Laurance Stuntz**

g. Community Preservation Committee (CPC) **Barbara McMahon via Jim Miller**

h. Wellesley Police Department (WPD) **Rob Lally**

i. Wellesley High School (WHS) **Courtney Albin**

j. Neighbors **Rob Lally**

k. Planning Board/Department: **Laurance Stuntz**

5. Schedule

6. General Discussion

7. Citizens Speak

8. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn by Jerry Nigro

Seconded: Katie Griffith

Vote: All in attendance in favor Jerry Nigro, Katie Griffith, Ellen Korpi & Lisa Wesley