

Minutes of the Open Space Committee Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting
Town of Auburn, Massachusetts

Members present: Dominique Kerins, Steven Chambers, Mark Binnal, Scott Wrenn and Nathan Rand
Absent: None

Also present: Adam Menard, Town Planner and Bill Coyle Director DPW

5:30 Dominique calls the meeting to order

5:31 Adam mentions the land at 50 Washington St. The owners of the land are preparing to sell to Eastland partners. The land is Chapter 61 and the town has the right of first refusal and each committee will have a chance to review. Adam reviewed the Maps of the land with the Committee.

5:39 Bill Coyle provided some additional details related to the Southold Rd land the town purchased and how that relates to the 50 Washington St land.

5:43 Steve makes a motion to not proceed with purchasing the Land at 50 Washington St. Scott W seconded. All voted in favor.

5:44 Bill Coyle introduced by Adam as DPW Director. Bill provided the Committee with an overview of the Parks Dept and Recreation.

5:51 Mark Binnal asked Bill about upgrades to the Rte 20 crossing between Eddy Pond and Camp Gleason and if there were any plans to upgrade and allow Camp Gleason to be opened to swimming.

5:55 Bill provided some additional details related to the upgrades at Camp Gleason.

5:56 Dominique asked about Rotary Beach cleanup and potential swimming. Bill indicated that the parking issue would limit possibilities.

6:02 Bill Coyle explained that if additional fields are needed the town owned land adjacent to Pappas Complex would be well suited.

6:10 Dominique asked Bill Coyle about potential Swimming Program. Bill referenced the Pool option that was discussed and that after Town feedback that option was not pursued.

6:15 Bill Coyle provided an update on the potential Goddard Park upgrades

6:20 Steve asked Bill about staffing and land maintenance and how additional recreational lands would affect the DPW. Bill responded with details related to the hours required for mowing and maintenance.

6:32 Adam gave an update on the Survey writing. There are now approximately 20 questions and the quadrants are now identified to help identify areas of need. The Committee discussed some revisions to the language in the survey.

6:49 Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting Mark seconded. Voted all in Favor

