

Readfield Trails Committee Minutes

December 7, 2021

Present: Nancy Buker, Greg Durgin, , Jackie Drouin, Greg Leimbach, Steve Hayes, Rob Peale, Holly Rahmlow, Henry Whittemore

Excused: Paul Bessette

At 6:30 p.m. Rob opened a joint meeting with members of the Recreation Committee and the Conservation Commission to discuss possible alterations to the Fairgrounds property. The Recreation Committee is proposing a complex of ball fields to accommodate all the different ages of children who would like to play softball and other sports. Their concept plan includes softball and soccer fields, a basketball court, additional parking and a snack shack.

The topic was discussed at length. Some Trails members expressed concern about the cost and suggested alternatives, such as the schools. Most members agreed about the need for a softball field, but the addition of other facilities raised questions about where and the costs.

Henry asked whether the plans would affect the Ken Clark memorial bench and sugar maple. Bruce Hunter (?) said he was told that that spot was only a placeholder. Henry said he wanted to be sure that its placement is taken into consideration in future planning.

The portion of the meeting with the other two committees ended after 8 p.m. In view of the late hour, Henry expressed concern about trying to continue with the planned Trails meeting, but Rob said we needed to complete our proposed budget by the end of the month.

Greg D. made a motion to let Jackie and Rob complete the budget for 2022-23 along the lines of what has been discussed so far. Henry seconded. All voted in favor.

Our next meeting will be January 26, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow