

# Whately Recreation Committee

## Meeting Minutes – 8 July 2019

MEETING: Convened at 5:05pm

ATTENDING: Jonathan Edwards, Carol Hutkoski, Megan Wentzel, Chris Skroski, Justin Davis, Wayne Hutkoski

ABSENT: Meghan Ashman, Tom Sadoski, Andy Mihalak

HERLIHY SIGN POSTINGS: J. Edwards mentioned we need better signage at Herlihy for tobacco use and dog clean up. There are repeated incidences where people do not clean up after their respective dogs. We want to encourage dogs at Herlihy but they must be leashed and owners must clean up dog waste. Additionally, there are repeated violations of the Herlihy prohibition of any tobacco substance, including chew tobacco and e-cigarettes. No action was taken.

HERLIHY SOFTBALL FIELD: J. Edwards distributed the final plans for the softball field, including two different options for the placement of the youth soccer field as an overlay of the softball field. The CPC has approved \$68,627 in total funding for the construction of this field

Questions were answered around the cleaning up of the fence separating the field from the river and tree line as well as cleaning up the brush and sumac between the field and the farmland directly south of Herlihy Park.

Discussion also centered around where youth soccer (PK – Grade 4) would be played in the fall of 2019 during field construction. J. Edwards suggested that the outfield of the small baseball diamond be used this fall and that any damage to the outfield grass from repeated use could be easily remedied with constant oversight and seeding/fertilizer. J. Edwards will talk with New England Greenscape on how to accomplish this throughout the season, so the field is ready for baseball use in the spring of 2020. Price quotes for excavating and grading will be solicited immediately.

Construction is to take place this summer/fall for use by softball teams in the spring of 2020. A public hearing on this proposal and CPC recommendation will be held at 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at Whately Town Hall on Chestnut Plain Road. A Special Town Meeting for a final vote on the \$68,627 CPC recommendation will be held at 7:00pm Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Whately Town Offices on Sandy Lane.

The plans and construction schedule were unanimously approved the Recreation Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.