

RECREATION NEEDS STUDY COMMITTEE – December 1, 2010
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL

Attendees: Gabriele Bertell; Karen Cersoli; Jeff Dombrowski; Chris Dropick, Mark Hemenway; Donna Labbe; Jeff Linton; Dave Moulton; Don Stein
Absent: Dawn Bobinski, Kim Connors; Jim Kulinski; Ted MacDonald; Dan Pinton; Vicki Preato; Todd Ransom

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Don Stein and Dave Moulton discussed the charge by the Board of Finance, which was to create a plan for recreational needs, essentially a “plan of development”. This plan should include land, facilities, meeting space, or other needs for the various youth and adult recreation programs in town.

The inventory of town properties was discussed with the committee, which includes:

- Barkhamsted School
- Town Hall
- Senior Center
- Town Garage

The fire departments and local churches are also used by various groups, but these are not controlled by the town. The conclusion of this discussion was that there is a problem for groups to find space suitable for their programs, on a timely basis.

Donna Labbe and Jeff Linton also presented the plans for the playscape and improvements to the playground to eliminate the drainage area on the west side of the property adjacent to the hill and the current playscape. A STEAP grant from the State of Connecticut was received which will pay for this project. Careful coordination with the potential expansion of the school is necessary, in order to prevent the playscape from interfering with this project, should it go forward.

Dave Moulton also asked the committee for feedback to bring back to the Board of Finance relative to authorizing up to \$10,000 for a feasibility study of the school addition. This study would allow the town to apply to the State next Spring for funding, if the residents were to approve the project. The project consists of a multi-purpose room that would function as a full-size gymnasium/ auditorium with rest rooms, and it would be able to be locked off from the school. Other ideas included an outdoor snack shack, storage, the ability to separate the space into two smaller gyms, and possible adult recreation like volleyball or basketball. The current gym would then be divided in to classrooms for art, music, and special ed, The committee endorsed this project as a very high priority and felt that the BOF should authorize the expenditure.

The following page presents the brainstorm list of needs to be considered at the next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

Recreational Needs Summary

12/1/2010

<u>Create a plan of development focused on recreational needs</u>						
ACTIONS						
Brainstorm list	includes both facilities and land					
Prioritize						
Seek public input						
Approach sources of property						
Other actions - approach the MDC about the use of Greenwoods property and consider leasing private land						
	Baseball	Scouts	Soccer	Basketball	Recreation	PTO/ BOE
land for 2 more fields (3-4 acres)	X		X			
possible multi-use for soccer	X		X			
lighted fields	X					
meeting space		X			X	
kitchen space		X			X	
arts and crafts		X			X	
improve small field by school	X		X			
more practice FIELDS	X		X			
expand fields into drainage area	X		X			
gym with 6 baskets(4 adjustable/2 full size)				X	X	X
full size gym with room for spectators				X	X	
possible divided space for 2 small courts				X	X	X
adult recreation space					X	
multi-purpose room		X		X	X	X
storage	X	X	X	X	X	X
INSIDE/outside snack bar			X	X	X	X
additional classrooms for art/music/special ed						X
stage for performances		X			X	X