

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Thursday, July 28 at 5:30 PM

Members of the Voluntown Recreation Commission:

Michael Kalwara

Michael Magario

Mark Simmons, Chairman

Jamie Anderson

Melinda Bryan, Treasurer

Belinda Wiese

Kristen Pellinen

Dean Wittwer, Secretary

Absent: None

Guests: Tracey Hanson - First Selectman, John Guskowski - Tyche Planning (via Zoom)

Ascertain a Quorum

There were 8 of 8 present -- served as a quorum.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM.

New Business

Discussion of Gate Street Recreation Complex RFP

- Tracey presented some reasons why we need a combined master plan for the Gate St./Constitution Field expansion and redevelopment. There also needs to be considerations for future expansions of Town Hall or even a Community Center.
- John had a plan for putting out an RFP for a Master Plan so that we are better prepared for applying for grants in the future.
- We already have ARPA and Open Space funds set aside that can be used for this type of project.
- The funds for the Master Plan can also be counted towards the matching funds for future grants.

Moving Forward:

- We need to start having ways of communicating these projects to the community and also get some input from various organizations in the town.
- We need to keep looking out for future grants that can pay for parts of the Master Plan moving forward.

Mike K. made a motion to move forward with submitting an RFP to design a Master Plan for the Voluntown Recreation Complex. Melinda seconded. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dean Wittwer.