

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 5:45 PM

Members of the Voluntown Recreation Commission:

Mark Simmons, Chairman

Michael Magario

Jamie Anderson

Michael Kalwara

Belinda Wiese

Dean Wittwer, Secretary

Melinda Bryan, Treasurer

Kristen Pellinen

Brian Kallio

Absent: Mike Magario, Belinda Wiese

Guests: Tracey L. Hanson (First Selectman), Skipp Oulton (Selectman) [via Zoom], Julie Zelinsky, John Guszowski - Tyche Planning [via Zoom], interviewees from the three consulting firms.

Ascertain a Quorum

There were 7 of 9 present – served as a quorum.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:50PM pm.

New Business

- Mike K. made the motion to move to executive session with the inclusion of Tracey, Skipp, Julie, John, and the interviewees. Mark seconded. All in favor.
- Moved to executive session.

Interview 1 (Barton & Loguidice (B&L))

Three members of the B&L firm attended via zoom to answer questions from the joint boards.

Interview 2 (Clough, Harbour and Associates (CHA))

Three members of CHA firm attended in person to answer questions from the joint boards.

Interview 3 (FHI)

Two members of FHI firm attended in person to answer questions from the joint boards.

General Discussion

- Moved out of executive session at 8:12PM.
- After the interviews B&L and FHI were the top choices. There was some continued discussion about the benefits of each of these groups but one of them stood out as being more prepared for engaging the community to figure out the scope of the project.
- Mike K. made a motion to accept the bid from B&L to develop the Gate Street Recreation Complex Master Plan. Melinda seconded. All on favor.

Adjournment

Melinda made a motion to close the meeting. Kristen seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dean Wittwer.