

Fred Wolfe Park Ad Hoc Committee
Meeting Room Town Hall
February 16, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Minutes

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ATTENDANCE

Present: John Carangelo, Jeanine Capecelatro, Kaury Kucera, Jim O'Connor, PJ Shanley & Ann Denny, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

John Carangelo called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Introductions**

Committee members present introduced themselves.

3. **Public Participation**

Rita Sommerer, 321 Hollow Road read a letter from 06.13.22 she wrote to Dr. Mohammad regarding the cannons used by Waler Hine.

Tom Pisano, 523 Fairway Road spoke about all the studies that have been done on the property.

Mitch Goldblatt, 291 Drummond Road expressed his thanks for this committee and looks forward to seeing what the committee will do.

4. **Announcements**

Chairman Carangelo made the following announcements:

- a. The existing location of the playscape – The preparations are finished at the existing location and the committee will need to work around the location of the playscape.
- b. Roadways in and out of the park – He has obtained a file from the First Selectman's Office, and he has been reviewing information from the Army Corp. of Engineers. The road was placed where it is because of wetlands and wildlife.
- c. Safety – Chairman Carangelo and Mr. Shanley met with the Police Department to review safety and traffic. The Police Department Traffic Commission didn't feel comfortable giving a recommendation because of the volume of traffic and suggested a consultant be hired to do the study. Discussion ensued regarding the process in which the committee must follow to hire a consultant.

5. **Minutes**

On a motion made by Jim O'Connor, seconded by PJ Shanley the minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting of the Fred Wolfe Park Ad Hoc Committee were unanimously approved.

6. **New Business**

Discussion ensued among the committee regarding the long-range plans for the park. The Committee felt they would start with the current traffic and safety within the park. *On a motion made by Kaury Kucera, seconded by Jim O'Connor the Committee unanimously approved having a traffic and safety study of the current park done.*

Rick Capecelatro has offered to take the committee on a tour of Fred Wolfe Park. The Committee decided to meet on Wednesday February 22nd at 8:00 a.m. for a tour of the property.


On a motion made by Jim O'Connor, seconded by Kaury Kucera the Committee unanimously approved asking the Board of Selectmen to be on their March 1st agenda to ask for their support to hire a consultant to do a traffic and safety study.

The next meeting will be Thursday March 23rd at 5:30 p.m. and the Soccer and Lacrosse Associations will be asked to come to the meeting to present ideas.

7. **Adjournment**

Jim O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m., PJ Shanley seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ann Denny, Recording Secretary