

WATERBURY PARKS STEERING COMMITTEE
Unapproved Minutes
Friday, August 26, 2022

Waterbury Parks Steering Committee Members (or Substitutes)

Alyssa Johnson – Waterbury Selectboard
Phoebe Pelkey – Waterbury Recreation Committee
Mark Stirewalt – Center Chains Disc Golf
Steve Lotspeich – Waterbury Planning Department
Belle McDougal – River Road Committee
Alex Thomsen – Capital Soccer
Dan Potter – Public At Large
Keith Macchione – Waterbury Area Trails Alliance
Tami Bass – Waterbury Skatepark Committee
Lawrence “Lefty” Sayah - Edward Farrar Utility District

SE Group Staff and Subcontractors:

Patrick Olstad
Elena Juodisius
Dori Barton
Bill de Vos

Public:

Meg Baldor
Tom Scribner
Liam Quinlan
Karen Miller
Mike Rossi
Mike Bard

CALL TO ORDER

Steve Lotspeich opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. at the Pavilion at Hope Davey Memorial Park.

AGENDA REVIEW AND MODIFICATIONS

There were no modifications to the agenda.

INTRODUCTIONS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CONSULTANT TEAM

Members of the Steering Committee introduced themselves to the group.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Miller stated that she would like to see access to the park preserved for horses. A group rides in the park area approximately once per week. She also noted that multi-use trails can be challenging.

Tom Scribner pointed out the map of the nature trail and noted that it was one of the initial uses of the park and currently does not exist. He also stated that he would like to see ADA accommodations considered as part of the study. Lastly, Tom noted that he believes endangered species exist on the property and that the natural habitat on the property has been negatively

impacted.

Meg Baldor indicated that she believes one of the chains baskets has been moved and that a whole new section of the disc golf area has been mowed. She pointed out an area of the map that she believes to be incorrect.

SITE WALK AT HOPE DAVEY MEMORIAL PARK

The group toured the Hope Davey Memorial Park. Discussions during the site walk included the following topics:

- Status and potential improvements to existing facilities (skate park, soccer fields, ball field, pavilion)
- Wetland function and delineation
- Soil compaction and erosion
- Tree health
- Meg Baldor requested that the basket on Hole #5 be relocated out of the wooded area in the edge of the field.
- Conflict between disc golf users/course and neighbors of the park

SITE WALK AT ICE CENTER AREA

The group toured the Ice Center Area. Discussions during the site walk included the following topics:

- Name of this park
- History of the site
- Existing and potential uses, e.g. addition of skate park and expansion of soccer fields
- Parking for the Ice Center and WATA trails
- Location and design of the proposed skate park
- Potential for additional site infrastructure, e.g. restrooms or changing station
- Possibility of moving the road
- Creating a park with multi-use amenities
- Connecting the park to the river while respecting 100' river buffer

NEXT MEETING

The group discussed outreach for the next meeting, which is set to be the community visioning workshop. SE Group will develop a flyer and online survey to support the workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

The Waterbury Parks Steering Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Potter, Secretary