

The Board of Selectmen Facilities and Public Safety Subcommittee held a meeting on August 22, 2017 at the Notch Road Municipal Center. Present were: subcommittee members First Selectman Robert Morra; Selectmen Robert Neil and Sandra Pierog and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille; Board of Education member Scott Rich; Superintendent Kristin Heckt; Bolton High School Principal Joe Maselli; Facilities Director Ray Boyd; Director of Community Development Patrice Carson; Land Trust representative Tony Gorman; Ed Steele, former Open Space Committee chair; land owners Aaron Ansaldi and Alex Ansaldi; and Engineer Andrew Bushnell.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 7:10 P.M.

2. DISCUSSION ON LAND ADJACENT TO BOLTON HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Morra explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed subdivision on the south side of Bolton High School and possible open space land from the subdivision that would meet the Town's needs. Obtaining a portion of the parcel being discussed was part of the Recreational Facilities Master Plan developed a few years ago. Due to fiscal constraints, work at the high school has been delayed but the proposed land acquisition need remains.

Ms. Carson provided an overview. Currently, no application for the subdivision has been submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Once received, the commission will consider any open space requirements or fee in lieu of open space. Recommendations from groups can be made to the Planning and Zoning Commission as to open space ideas but the commission has the approval authority. In considering the Recreational Facilities Master Plan, a 25 foot wide by approximately 500 feet deep strip adjacent to the tennis courts and softball field and a section of the northeast corner of the property was discussed with the owners as the open space donation to the Town. This would provide some relief to the current facilities that are almost on the current property line as well as the potential for an access path for field maintenance. Other open space areas would provide opportunities for expanded cross country trails. The group discussed the possibility of including a buffer at the new property line which would benefit all. The owners and engineer agreed to review the proposal and then meet with the subcommittee again.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Officer

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