

Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Minutes of the CIAC Meeting
February 10, 2015
Conference Room, DPW Building

Attendees: Sue Abrams, Susan Asbedian-Ciaffi, Jamie Gossels, Eric Greece, Tom Travers, Jim Kelly

Also present: Jim Marotta, Chairman of Parks and Recreation Commission

Not present: Bob Desaulniers, Michael Lane

1. Chairman Travers called the meeting to order at 7:05 and noted that a quorum was present
2. Acceptance of minutes of meetings held as follows:
 - a. January 15, 2015 Motion to approve with a few grammatical and typographical errors to be corrected by Sue Abrams. Motion PASSED.
 - b. January 20, 2015 Motion to approve minutes. Motion PASSED
3. The CIAC has previously opined on all projects brought to it for consideration except Davis Field and Cutting Field lights. These two projects were discussed.
 - a. Davis Field: The committee had been waiting to hear the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and to learn more about plans for irrigation.

Since the CIAC's January 20 meeting, the CPC recommended funding of the Davis Field project in the amount of \$1,000,000, provided the work would be done by Sudbury DPW. User groups have agreed to contribute \$200,000.

Jim Marotta shared information about irrigation plans: Bill Place might be able to include irrigation in the project for the budgeted amount of \$1.2 million but cannot commit to that at this point as there are too many unknowns. Jim indicated that there could be other sources of funding if necessary. Even if irrigation cannot be included, Bill Place thinks that the fields can be prepared and can go online without irrigation and that irrigation could be installed subsequently. Jim Marotta stated that all parties agree that irrigation is needed and that installing the system as part of construction is ideal. However, there has been precedent for installing irrigation at a later time, e.g. at Haskell Field.

The CIAC recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission develop a "Plan B" in the event that irrigation cannot be included in the \$1.2 million project.

Motion: To support the Davis Field project with funding of \$1,000,000 from CPA funds and \$200,000 from user groups. The CIAC believes that irrigation is important and should be provided as soon as possible.

Motion PASSED (unanimously)

- b. Cutting Field Lights: Jim Marotta provided additional information about the Cutting Field Lights project. Cutting Field is used heavily in the spring but there is potential for additional use in the fall and early spring if lights are installed. A turf field has the potential to be used three times as much as a grass field. The need for additional field space is increased because part of Haskell will be closed during the spring of 2015 and possibly the summer and fall as well.

There was considerable discussion among committee members including concerns about how use will be allocated fairly, neighbors' reaction to the lights, and whether the lights will actually relieve the current field scheduling problem.

Motion: To support the Cutting Field lights project
Motion PASSED (3 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstaining)

4. Review of CIAC Preliminary Report

Tom summarized the CIAC recommendation for FY16:

The CIAC was advised of a total allocation of capital spending not to exceed \$4.6 million, including current debt. The committee has recommended a total of \$4 million, having voted to defer the fuel storage tank and Atkinson roof projects.

Jim Kelly advised the committee that he has submitted a warrant article for Atkinson roof and envelope repairs. He is not sure yet of the cost. He understands that he may have to present it without CIAC support. Based on the current condition of the building, he thinks it might be necessary to perform some repairs despite the building's uncertain fate with respect to the new community center. The CIAC might review this project as submitted to the warrant at some point before Town Meeting. There was additional discussion of the condition of the Fairbank building, plans for the community center, and related plans for Town Hall and other municipal buildings. Jim indicated that a blue ribbon committee is likely to be convened to explore the future of Town Hall and will likely include a representative from CIAC

5. New Business:

Jim Kelly reported that Police Chief Nix will request from the Finance Committee a transfer of funds from police salary line (available due to an unfilled position) for the purchase and installation of new radio communications equipment for the northwest part of Sudbury and within LSRHS. CIAC hasn't reviewed this project as it hasn't followed the established procedures (submission of Schedule A, discussion among staff, followed by CIAC review). CIAC therefore takes no position.

6. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 at the DPW building

7. Meeting Adjournment

Unanimous approval to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Gossels
Clerk