

Members in attendance: N. Gorski, L. Annino, Jr., J. Young

Visitors (as identified onscreen): J. Duffield, R. Regolo, D. Venuti

1. Call to Order  
**The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.**
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes  
**Approval of meeting minutes for January 24, 2022, February 2, 2022, February 3, 2022, and February 7, 2022 was tabled.**
3. Review of 22/23 Operating, Capital and MYCIP  
**Park & Rec Commission 22/23 Budget: The BOS reviewed the budget with Park & Rec. Chair Duffield. The upcoming Park & Rec operating budget contains an additional \$3,000 for seed, fertilizing and grub control, work not performed on fields for the past few years. Rocco will be getting more use as youth leagues return. Bethke was used as a softball practice field but is no longer useable, needing releveling. Duffield is working with the commission to identify all of the work required to maintain all fields, both winter and summer, and re-bid maintenance contracts. The disc golf-course at Eric Auer Park is receiving recognition throughout New England and is used frequently.**

**Park & Rec Commission 22/23 Capital: A \$500,000 grant-in-aid to the Town of Killingworth for the Killingworth Sports Facility has been received. A discussion followed regarding the process to accept the grant. The first step is completion of a one-page worksheet including a very detailed description of the scope of the project. The state then drafts a contract which goes to town meeting for acceptance/approval of the work. After acceptance/approval, a resolution is prepared.**

**Eric Auer Park is being used by soccer, lacrosse, and football teams from both Killingworth and Haddam. Park & Rec is working with their user groups to understand if a baseball diamond is needed at Eric Auer Park. Baseball teams are currently utilizing Brickyard in Haddam and the HKMS fields. Shoreline Breakers have expressed interest in a field. Annino discussed the previous strategy identifying the need for baseball fields. If the strategy has changed, Park & Rec needs to detail those changes and review those changes with the townspeople. Horse trails, hiking trails, pickle ball fields and other uses were discussed. Park & Rec historically has used the MYCIP for planning purposes. Gorski recommended Park & Rec develop a formal master plan document describing future uses of our parks to facilitate the MYCIP. Young and Annino recommended input from other committees, including Open Space, to help form Park & Rec's master plan.**

**KVFC 22/23 budget review: The BOS initiated their review of the KVFC 22/23 budget. The upcoming operating budget represents a \$28,000 increase over the current year budget, most of which for required apparatus tests and inspections. Annino requested more detail on what has changed from 21/22 to this year for this line item. Venuti is planning to join us at the February 16th meeting but explained the KVFC separated apparatus repairs and maintenance from tests and inspections in the 22/23 budget and reduced the former line item by \$7K and increased the latter by \$13K to accurately account for these expenditures. An additional increase in PPE funds is also reflected in the budget. Young asked whether this should be funded from ARPA funds. Venuti explained this is not a one-time increase, PPE is required,**

and the costs associated with them are high. Venuti indicated this is a bare-bones budget. Gorski indicated a need to fund some capital in 22/23 to begin planning for the KVFC. Regolo noted that station two renovations were not on the MYCIP. Equipment overruns were also not projected. Gorski envisions setting aside capital to begin design phases of both KVFC and town hall modulars to establish committees, initiate design and validate the capital budget for completion of these efforts. Young suggested establishing independent building committees.

**NEXT STEPS:** Gorski, Annino, and Young discussed next steps. KVFC will attend February 16, 2022 to review their budget with us and answer any questions we have. Annino requested an assessment of our roads to revalidate the MYCIP. Gorski indicated a need to review salary increases for non-contracted employees. The joint BOS/BOF meeting to review town priorities is scheduled for February 14, 2022. Gorski indicated by the meeting on February 17, 2022, the BOS can begin to move motions to adjust the budget line items and adding commentary as needed.

4. Selectmen Comments

**Annino: None**

**Young: Young thanked Regolo for her responsiveness to our questions and indicated the budget review process has been a collaborative process.**

5. First Selectmen Comments

**Gorski indicated she is reviewing the State Revolving Fund application for a PFAS filtration system at town hall but will also reach out to Senator Christine Cohen for her input as well.**

**Gorski is also reviewing the impact of a rate increase for non-contracted employees on the overall budget and will share that information with the BOS on February 16, 2022.**

6. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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