Rink User Committee for Design & Planning

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 10 a.m.

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Meeting Agenda

1. Community outreach and communication
2. Designation of Morlot Park will be handled by the Department of Parks & Recreation and the Board of Selectmen: resolution of support
3. Notice of pre-application by Greenwich Communities to build on the adjacent site
4. Schedule a rink visit by the Committee
5. Public comments
6. Approval of minutes of August 18, 2021 meeting
7. Adjournment
Chairman Bill Drake called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

In attendance: Committee members Liz Eckert, Sue Snyder, Rich Ernye, Rick Loh, Gus Lindine, Brent Brower, Nancy Leamy, Bill Drake.

Project management team members: Joe Siciliano, Alan Monelli, Steve O’Hurley

First Selectman Fred Camillo

Public and RTM: Roz Nicastro, Syl Pecora Sr., Grace Popp, Alex Popp, Lucy von Brachel, Joe Kantorski, Mike Kristoff

1. Review of rink siting and costs. The spreadsheet from the meeting package was presented and discussed. It shows that Option F, Build on existing footprint resulted in either a substantial increase in cost (if a temporary rink were bought and erected) or a very poor outcome (without a temporary rink).

2. Review of replacement rink building requirements and space breakdown. Mr. Monelli presented and commented on this topic and a discussion followed.

3. The additional FAQ “Consideration of Alternative Rink Sites” and one-page Fact Sheet were presented. Mr. Camillo asked for additional consideration
of the WMS site. The Committee asked to modify the WMS paragraph in the FAQ. With this modification, the Committee voted unanimously to approve and post the FAQ and the one-page Fact Sheet.

4. Background for marketing plan: review of ice use and customer list. This list was presented and briefly discussed.

5. Public comments
   - Mr. Pecora said it would be important that the new rink have all the features needed for a quality rink, rather than building a mediocre rink.
   - Mr. Camillo asked to consider thoroughly the WMS site, and to ensure that the food truck or food concession be high quality.
   - Ms. von Brachel asked that there be more community input.
   - Mr. Kantorski indicated that more information about the project should be provided to the community.
   - Mr. Popp indicated that the Island Beach parking lot site deserved more consideration. He asked why Strazza Field needed to be turned (re-oriented) because it was OK as is.

6. Minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting: Upon a motion by Sue Snyder seconded by Rich Ernye, these minutes were unanimously approved.

7. The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.