



Town of Greenwich
Rink User Committee for Design and Planning
January 11, 2023, 11:30 a.m. Hamill Rink
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Bill Drake, Rick Loh, Liz Eckert, Sue Snyder, Mike Bocchino
Project management team: Luigi Romano, Steve O'Hurley, Sheel Spina
Public: David Wold, Butch Bozzuto, Joe Kantorski, Nanette Burrows

1. Update on RFP 7728. Rick and Sue give brief update: 2 finalists
2. Update on Public Survey and market study by Sports Facilities Advisory, to be posted on Rink Project webpage:
 - 2,980 responses received, 98% Town of Greenwich residents
 - 84% suggested new rink should be built on today's Strazza Field, and Strazza Field to move to site of current rink = the "flip"
 - 50.3% v. 16.5% of respondents think an additional vehicular and pedestrian entry/exit from Western Jr. Hwy. would enhance the access to the park and rink (33.2% have no opinion)
 - 1,059 additional comments in the Supplemental Appendix
3. Update on schedule for the project and 2024 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request: Mr. Romano indicated next step is pre-application to P&Z. Goal is to gain site plan approval late in 2023. Then comes actual MI application. Site plan approval needed to release remaining funds for SLAM to complete final 70% of design.
4. Approval of minutes of Committee meeting. There was no quorum and no vote.
5. Public comments: Mike Bocchino asked about ledge in current rink location. Luigi explains whether new rink or baseball field goes in current location, some ledge needs to be removed. Liz Eckert asks if soil tests done on Strazza Field. Luigi said yes, tests came back clean. Joe Kantorski asks about cost of new rink on Strazza Field vs. current location. Luigi says less expensive to flip rink and field...no need for expense of temporary rink.
6. Meeting adjourned 12.15 pm