

Hamill Rink Meeting – June 24, 2021
Public Questions

1. In option A and B where would the playground and swing set be placed, both important elements in this family orient park.

Both the swing set and the playground will be preserved. The swing set is within the 0.6-acre Byram Veterans' Memorial Tree Grove perimeter. A small part of the playground is within the Tree Grove perimeter. The Committee will work with the architect and Parks & Recreation as the design progresses to preserve both.
2. In option A and B how far is it from 'front door' of rink and 'overflow' parking at WMS (approximate) walking legally on current sidewalks.

A site option needs to be selected to develop a route for a walking path that can be measured.
3. In option A and B how would you handle incoming traffic that follows following pattern, coming in from Western Jr Highway, drops off the players and equipment and then proceed to parking lot as other drivers are arriving to same way or from parking lot and picking up players and equipment (simple drawing with arrows on current plans indicating rink ADA parking and this flow, would do)

Once a site option has been selected, the details of a drop off area, ADA parking, etc., plus reconfiguring the current parking lot to conform to the latest P&Z requirements will be developed.
4. Where would ADA parking be in option A and B for Rink and Ball Field.

Again, once a site option has been selected, the details of a drop off area and ADA parking will be set as a function of the rinks seating capacity.
5. How acreage of woodland would be removed between access road and Rink building.

The current road option will require approximately 28,013 square feet or .643 acres of land to create the new access road. Currently much of this area is a ravine that descends towards Western Junior Highway. The project team will work closely with the Town Tree Warden and Conservation Commission to further develop this plan. The roadway is only a portion of the .643 newly created acres. The remaining balance of the acreage will be used to position the new rink.
6. How much more blacktop would the options A and B add with new access road, 2 lanes thru the park and additional park.

The amount of road surface from Western Junior Highway to the point when it intersects the existing parking lot is 16,350 Square feet. As the plan moves forward this amount of paving will be offset by the amount of black top that will be removed when the existing skating rink is demolished.
7. Strazza Field in option A would it require flood lights at home base.

No lighting is anticipated at the back stop in Option A.
8. Strazza Field in option B would it require 'catch net' between home plate and rink building (the approximate 300ft) and if so, how would the public enter the only greenspace left in this family-oriented parkland.

In the park's current configuration, Strazza Field and the Hamill Rink occupy the entire east side of the park. The greenspace mentioned is the outfield grass. Option A or B simply flips those two entities. With that said placement of catch nets would typically be along the foul lines. It is not foreseen that these nets would prevent any access on to the field.
9. Would safe walkway from Sue Metz Way to WMS be maintained

It is anticipated that the walkway from the park down to Western Middle School will be maintained and improved.

10. BVA and 9th District Vets flagpole would it remain at current location or be moved with the ballfield ex playground.

As shown on all options, the flagpole will remain in its current position.

11. As there is a height difference between ballfield and rink, what would come up or what would go down to make the new Strazza field a 'level playing field'.

Once a site option is selected, the topography of the field and rink will need to be determined.

12. Last meeting it was decided to have Joe Siciliano reply to what is Eugene Morlot Memorial Park, dedicated on 11.11.1989, by his office, what is "that" and where is it? Following research by the Town attorney's office the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Parks and Recreation (with support from the Rink User Committee) have voted to officially name the Eugene Morlot Memorial Park and to permanently dedicate and forever protect the Byram Veterans' Memorial Tree Grove. The research by the Town attorney's office and the resolutions adopted by the Board of Selectmen are posted on the Rink project webpage.

13. National Register of Historic Places 1990 and P and Z MI of 1991 has been shared with Chair and P and Z member Nick Macri, can you confirm and if so when, same was shared with the previous and current committee members prior to their decision to develop the EMMP as presented in their public meetings. These two documents have been known to the Town for decades. We refer you to our answer dated June 15, 2021 to the first question posed by the Budget Overview Committee.

14. What is the disposition of the property north of the proposed road? No survey drawing was available.

Attached is the recent full survey of the Park that includes the property north of the proposed road. This area extends to West Putnam Avenue and is predominantly wooded except for a right of way that created Vinci Drive.

15. Installation of any new Utility Trenches to limit tree removal along Western Junior Highway.

A site option needs to be finalized along with the building configuration to establish a route from the street to the building to connect utilities. As the design progresses, the Project Team will work with the Town Tree Warden to develop utility routes to minimize damage to tree roots or complete removal.

16. How will the construction of new housing units at the old Byram School Site and Vinci Drive affect this project?

The Housing Authority property is adjacent to the Town Park as shown on the attached survey. With that said, the Housing Authority cannot build units on Town property without a property transfer.