



CITY OF DOVER

CWDAC PARK SUB-COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Norm Fracassa (Chair), Dane Drasher, Steve Brown

EEXCUSED ABSENT: Kim Schuman,

STAFF: Christopher Parker, Assistant City Manager, Gary Bannon – Recreation Director

OTHERS: Dana Lynch, Beth Fischer, Jennie Marshall, others representing Great Bay Rowing, UNH, and Berwick

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

2. Approval of Minutes From November 3, 2021

Drasher motioned to approve the November 3, 2021 minutes Brown seconded. Vote: 3-0

3. Citizens Forum:

No One Spoke

4. Review of Crew Boat Building Options with Great Bay Rowing, UNH Crew, Berwick Academy and Northeast Passage Representatives

Fracassa updated those present on the permitting and entitlements process. He then reviewed the three options that have been brought forward to date:

- Building F's ground floor
- Utilizing space within the park pavilion
- A new standalone building.

Representatives of Berwick Academy were present and they introduced themselves and spoke to their needs and how they operate in April and May, with long term potential to expand the program. They are seeking more to be part of the plan, then to have their own space or be the primary user.

Marshall representing Great Bay Rowing spoke to their need for 3,000 to 5,000 square feet and believe that Building F might not be able to provide that space. Great Bay's board has developed some aspects they know they need to account for.

Discussion ensued on the need to ensure that access during construction is provided and that all parties understand that to the extent possible there should be an ability for the various teams to access the river.

Fracassa spoke to the need for the groups, Great Bay Rowing, UNH, Northeast Passage and Berwick Academy to work together to develop space needs and a realistic understanding of how a group might plan or permit the stand alone building or expanding the pavilion.

Parker spoke to the budget and that the City currently plans on creating the park areas, but it is a longer term plan to install the pavilion building, which has a price tag of between \$480,000 and \$580,000 depending on finishes and materials.

Bannon spoke to the potential of redesigning the pavilion and creating space needed to accommodate paddle sports there.

5. Discuss Next Meeting Date and Time

Next meeting will be in February 2022, with a date sent out.

6. Adjourn

Fracassa declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.