Remote Meeting Agenda Template for Non-Regulatory Committees

In accordance with the Governor’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the January 13, 2021 public meeting of the Recreation Committee for the Town of Falmouth shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.

Alternative public access to this meeting shall be provided in the following manner:

The meeting will be held via Zoom video conference. The public can view and hear the meeting in real time by joining the Zoom video conference.

Real-time public comment may be permitted at the discretion of the chair utilizing the Zoom virtual meeting software. This application will allow users to view the meeting and send a comment or question to the Chair via the Chat function. Submitted text comments may be read into the record at the appropriate points in the meeting as determined by the Chair.

Zoom Login instructions:

Instructions and the meeting link for this specific meeting can be found at the following web address:

http://www.falmouthmass.us/1161/Recreation-Committee

Please plan on 10-15 minutes of preparation time to log in though it may be less if you have previously used Zoom on the device you will use to access this meeting.

Additionally, public comments may be sent in advance of the meeting to Joe Olenick at joe.olenick@falmouthma.gov (Recreation Director) at least 5 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting. Documents and audio or video files may also be submitted via email in advance of the meeting. Submitted email comments and documents will be made a part of the meeting record and may be read into the record, summarized, or displayed during the meeting at the discretion of the chair.

Present:

Richard Boles, Bob Brown, Sandy Cuny, Tom Zine (promoted shortly after meeting began), Patricia Morano, Scott Ghelfi, Michael Heylin
Open Remote Zoom Meeting and announce meeting procedure

At 7:02 Bob Brown called the meeting to order. He took a roll call vote:
- Richard Boles-present
- Sandy Cuny-present
- Patricia Morano-present
- Scott Ghelfi-present
- Michael Heylin-present
- Also present:
  - Joe Olenick-present
  - Maureen McIver-present
- Bob Brown read regulations and ground rules.

Recreation Director Update and Discussion regarding Recreation Department present and future programs during pandemic.

Joe reported that he met with town management and a decision was made to not hold basketball indoors this season. Given high numbers and that basketball is considered a high risk sport, outdoors was not encouraged either. Guidance prohibits 2 on 2 play.

Regarding summer camp, the Rec Department will do what it can. All is dependent on guidance at the time. There are 5 rooms that could allow for isolated cohorts of 10.

Lacrosse could begin in mid to late March. Joe will speak with Jerimiah Pearson about the fields.

A question arose: Are there any consequences in place for unauthorized use of fields? This will be put on a future agenda.

Recreation Director Update and Discussion regarding Recreation Fields, Parks and Playground maintenance and upgrades.

Joe reported that the work on the playground came in under budget and Road Race funds that were awarded were not used. After consultation and discussion, it was decided they will be used instead for a gazebo and perhaps benches in the playground area.

The DPW is very busy and has not installed the playground on Sandwich Road. This remains on their radar, though.

An 8,000 pound generator has been installed outside at the back of the gym.

Recreation Department Community Preservation Application for Spring 2021 Guv Fuller Field Rehabilitation Project for April 2021 Town Meeting review, discussion and Vote recommendation to Board of Select and Community Preservation Committee.
Bob Brown reported that the CPC will review the application tomorrow evening and he would like Recreation Committee support for this.

A question arose: Why did no one from the Recreation Committee know about the presentation of this issue to the Select Board at their meeting on Monday? The committee should be informed about such matters. This is the third time the request has gone before the CPC and Recreation Committee members could have advocated.

Bob Brown said that he did not know it would be such an issue at the Select Board meeting. He found out about the item on the Select Board agenda because he subscribes to ‘notify me’ on the town web site. Joe explained that it was Friday before he was informed of the meeting.

Bob Brown reported one question was why make the dugout handicap accessible? The reason the dugouts are handicapped accessible is it is the right thing to do; it is a law; managers and coaches could be handicapped; bat girls and boys could be handicapped and possibly players too.

Committee members thought that including visitors’ bleachers in the proposal would be a good idea. If they are not included, they may never be installed. If they are constructed later it would mean driving heavy equipment over the field.

Scott Ghelfi moved that Bob Brown support the Fuller Field project before the CPC and Select Board. Michael Heylin seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Scott Ghelfi-aye
Michael Heylin-aye
Sandy Cuny-aye
Richard Boles-aye
Patricia Morano-aye
Tom Zine-aye
Motion passed.

Recreation Committee discussion and plan future report to Board of Select Update.

Bob Brown has had no conversations but has emailed the Select Board. It is expected that the report will be presented in late February or March. The pickleball situation will be addressed at that time as well. Bob Brown will send out notes that he has well before the meeting.

Recreation Department Budget, Interesting Correspondence and Building Use.
Joe said that there was $150,000 available for the gym floor but funds would not be released until the leaks in the roof were fixed. If the new Facilities Director can not address the issue a suggestion will be made to outsource the repairs since the problem has been ongoing for years.

Bob Brown noted the correspondence from a Lawrence School neighbor who is upset about the pickleball courts there. He emphasized that the process was transparent to the public with appropriate notices given as the process moved forward including meetings at the CPC and Town Meeting. Additionally, Joe made accommodations to the plans upon request of a neighbor’s concerns.

Items for future agenda

Consequence policy for unauthorized field use, Recreation registration web site

Review and approve the minutes from December 9, 2020.

Scott Ghelfi moved to approve. Patricia Morano seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Scott Ghelfi-aye
Michael Heylin-abstained
Sandy Cuny-aye
Richard Boles-aye
Patricia Morano-aye
Tom Zine-aye
Motion passed.

At 8:04 Patricia Morano moved to adjourn. Michael Heylin seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Scott Ghelfi-aye
Michael Heylin-aye
Sandy Cuny-aye
Richard Boles-aye
Patricia Morano-aye
Tom Zine-aye
Bob Brown-aye
Motion passed.
Relevant Documents: Packet from Joe Olenick