

**LAKEVILLE PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**POLICE STATION, 323 PRECINCT ST, LAKEVILLE, MA**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024 @ 7:00PM**

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Members present: Brynna Donahue, Scott Holmes, Paula Houle, Michael Smith and Melisa Turcotte.

Members not present: None.

Other attendees: Peter Murdy (Clerk), John Meleedy (South East Fence), and Walter Seaberg (Freetown Lakeville Soccer Club).

Melisa Turcotte called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

The Chair announced that LakeCAM was recording the meeting and asked if anyone else was doing so. No one was.

The Chair went directly to those items to be addressed by other attendees, items #2 and #7.

ITEM 2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON REQUEST FROM JOHN MELEEDY TO HOLD JULY 4TH FIREWORKS AT COMMISSIONERS FIELD.

John Meleedy presented his plans for fireworks at Commissioner's Park on June 29, 2024, with a rain date of June 30. The fireworks will begin about 9:15-9:30 pm. John will obtain necessary permits.

**Motion by Michael Smith to approve John Meleedy's plans for fireworks at Commissioners Park. Motion seconded by Paula Houle. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

John Meleedy left the meeting at 7:10 pm.

ITEM 7. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON FREETOWN LAKEVILLE SOCCER CLUB APPLICATION FOR FIELD TIME.

Walter Seaberg was at the meeting to answer any questions related to Freetown Lakeville Soccer Club's Application for Field Time.

Michael Smith asked about the difference between Freetown Lakeville United and Freetown Lakeville Recreational. Walter said one was the spring development league and the other was the spring travel league, and both are under the same board.

Michael Smith asked about possible conflicts with Women's Soccer schedule. Walter said that were none and that there were currently no games scheduled for Sundays. The commission said that Women's Soccer was currently scheduled to begin their play on Sundays at 3:00pm, so any use of the fields on Sundays would yield to Women's Soccer.

Walter Seaberg clarified that the season begins on March 30 and ends June 8 with finals on Father's Day weekend.

Walter Seaberg asked about when Commissions Park fields would be available. Michal Smith said they should be ready to go by May 15, perhaps earlier.

There was a discussion about the use of the new fields and old fields. Michael Smith expressed the desire for the new fields to be used as much as possible and to rest the old fields. Walter Seaberg said that the 11V11 games still need to be at the old fields because the new fields are not big enough.

Walter Seaberg asked about the fertilization and irrigation plan. Scott Holmes said the irrigation is controlled automatically and the fertilization schedule is controlled by the company who does the work. They test the soil to see what is necessary and when. The commission will try to provide advanced notice prior to fertilization.

**Motion by Brynna Donahue to approve Freetown Lakeville Soccer Club's Application for Field Time with the following amendments: (1) Sunday usage ends at 3:00 pm, and (2) FLSC must notify the commission how they intend to use the fields once the new fields are available. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Walter Seaberg asked when practice can begin. Peter Murdy said that as soon as payment is received a field pass will be issued.

Walter Seaberg left the meeting at 7:39 pm.

The Chair recommended the commission continue with the other soccer application from Women's Soccer, item #8.

ITEM 8. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON WOMEN'S SOCCER APPLICATION FOR FIELD TIME.

Melisa Turcotte presented Application for Field Time from Women's Soccer.

**Motion by Scott Holmes to approve the Application for Field Time from Women's Soccer. Motion seconded by Brynna Donahue. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Chair recommended the commission continue with the remaining applications for field time, items #5, 6, 9, 10, and 11.

ITEM 5. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON SAMURAI BASEBALL APPLICATION FOR FIELD TIME.

Melisa Turcotte presented the Application for Field Time from Samurai Baseball.

**Motion by Scott Holmes to approve the Application for Field Time from Samurai Baseball. Motion seconded by Brynna Donahue. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

ITEM 6. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON FREETOWN LAKEVILLE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR FIELD TIME.

The commission discussed the infrequent use of the fields by FLAA in which they are reserved for many more dates and times than they are used. Melisa Turcotte recommended the commission approve the application but also require a more specific schedule. Scott Holmes said that he would get the schedule, and he also noted that field #1 was not available on Sundays.

There was also a brief discussion about the condition of FLAA's shed and the need to replace the door to the shed where the lights are. Also discussed was the porta potty behind concession stand – who is responsible for it and where it should be located.

**Motion by Paula Houle to approve the Application for Field Time from Freetown Lakeville Athletic Association with a request for a more detailed schedule and a note that field #1 is not available on Sundays. Motion seconded by Brynna Donahue. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

ITEM 9. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON FREELAKE YOUTH SOFTBALL APPLICATION FOR FIELD TIME.

Peter Murdy reported no conflicts, except with South Coast Rebel tournament.

Scott Holmes noted that the tournament times conflict with blooperball, but that will be addressed when a tournament application is received.

**Motion by Michael Smith to approve the Application for Field Time from Freelake Youth Softball. Motion seconded by Paula Houle. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

ITEM 10. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON COED BLOOPERBALL APPLICATION FOR FIELD TIME.

**Motion by Paula Houle to approve the Application for Field Time from Coed Blooperball. Motion seconded by Scott Holmes. Discussion:**

Melisa Turcotte said that she is not happy about the reported incidents of harassment and bullying within Coed Blooperball and will not vote to approve. Brynna Donahue agreed.

**Roll call vote: Michael Smith – No; Paula Houle – Abstain; Brynna Donahue – No; Scott Holmes – No; Melisa Turcotte – No. Motion NOT carried.**

The commissioners agreed that a representative from Coed Blooperball needs to come before the Commission.

ITEM 11. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON WOMEN'S BLOOPERBALL APPLICATION FOR FIELD TIME.

Scott Holmes note that the schedule for Women's Blooperball overlaps both seasons, but as it is so short it is counted as one season.

**Motion by Paula Houle to approve the Application for Field Time from Women's Blooperball. Motion seconded by Brynna Donahue. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

The commission returned to the remaining items on the agenda.

ITEM 1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ITEMS FROM THE CLERK.

None.

ITEM 3. REVIEW AND VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 29 AND MARCH 7, 2024.

**Motion by Brynna Donahue to approve the minutes of February 29, 2024. Motion seconded by Paula Houle. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

The minutes for March 7, 2024, were not yet ready for review.

ITEM 4. REVIEW OF PARK COMMISSION BUDGET.

The commissioners had not had time to review the budget report, and so it was agreed to postpone this until the next meeting.

ITEM 12. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON REQUEST FOR USE OF A TWC BALL FIELD ON JULY 13 FOR JIMMY FUND FUNDRAISER.

There is a Jimmy Fund fundraiser scheduled at Loon Pond Lodge on July 13, 2024. The organizers asked if they might schedule a pick-up baseball game around 4:00 pm. Scott Homes said this was for alumni of Ted Williams Baseball Camp, and he recommended that field #1 be made available.

**Motion by Scott Holmes to approved the use of field #1 for the Jimmy Fund fundraiser at no extra charge. Motion seconded by Michael Smith. Discussion:**

Brynna Donahue asked about insurance. Scott Holmes said that, since the event is being booked through Boston Tavern, their insurance will cover it.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

ITEM 13. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON PROPOSAL FROM MR CESSPOOL TO SUPPLY PORTA POTTY UNITS AND HAND WASH STATION AT JOHN PAUN PARK.

Melisa Turcotte presented the proposal from Mr Cesspool for two porta potties and a hand wash station at John Paun Park for a 10% discount. Scott Holmes recommended we ask them to schedule their cleanings toward the end of each week, if possible.

**Motion by Brynna Donahue to approve the rental of porta potties and a handwashing station at John Paun Park. Motion seconded by Paula Houle. Discussion:**

Melisa Turcotte reminded the commission that funding for this is pending approval of the Parks budget.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

ITEM 15. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STEP 2 SUBMISSION TO COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FOR CLEAR POND PARK FENCE.

Paula Houle reported that she has put together the phase 2 application to the Community Preservation Committee for fencing at Clear Pond Park. She has everything required: estimates, deed, letter from Doug Berry, etc.

Melisa Turcotte asked who makes the final decision. Paula Houle stated that the CPC recommends and the Select Board approves. Melisa said we don't need to vote on this because we already voted to submit at a previous meeting.

ITEM 14. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO SUBMIT SKATE PARK PROPOSAL FOR ARPA FUNDING TO SELECT BOARD.

Melisa Turcotte and Michael Smith worked with Brian Catalano to refine his proposal for the Dorothea E. Will Memorial Skate Park. The commission visited the skatepark prior to this meeting to review the plan to improve the existing park for a better flow. Melisa said she has turned in the proposal to Bob Nunes and that this is the last big piece of planned improvements to Ted Williams Camp.

**Motion by Melisa Turcotte to submit the proposal for improvements at the Dorothea E. Will Memorial Skatepark for \$150,000. Motion seconded by Paula Houle. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

ITEM 16. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE.

Michael Smith presented a report on the Commissioner's Park (North Fields) project. See Appendix. All work is coming in at or under budget. He would like to continue to manage this project after his term ends. Melisa Turcotte said that he cannot do any official business if he is no longer on the committee, but he can be appointed by the Select Board.

ITEM 17. ADJOURN.

**Motion by Michael Smith to adjourn. Motion seconded by Brynna Donahue. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

# Appendix

March 21, 2024  
Update North Fields

## Updated Summary

Clancy Construction has resumed their work on the project. The initial grading was started at the end of 2023. After a delay in the project because of a conservation Agreement that we weren't aware of we had to delay a few months. We have recognized those areas and have addressed them

He has started removing the 2 piles to the left of the lot. They will be used for the lot in different areas, He then will begin on installing the drainage. See plans if you have any questions. When that is completed then he will finish the parking lot laying down the finished material. The telephone poles will also be placed as buffers for the driveway.

Estimated time to complete: 4-6 weeks. If no inclement weather it may be sooner.  
Targeted date 5/1.

Southeast fence will be able to install fence around the perimeter of the fields. We may have to put an additional snow fence at the end of the lot because of loose/wet Ground. This cost is included in the updated budget. We will also be placing the signs as noted on the fence and driveway. Also at that time we can get the porta potties delivered. We have scheduled 2 weeks to complete. The soccer group can line the fields at that time but will not be allowed to practice until the project is completed.

If all goes well and we do not run into any roadblocks then I feel comfortable to open on 5/15. We will give them 2 weeks' notice that we will be able to meet our deadline.

I will be sending you weekly updates on this project and will have you sign any invoices That will pertain to this project. As it stands we should not need to order anything else to complete this project unless something pops up.

At this time we will be installing a fence for the turtle conservation area as well as restricted area/ do not enter signs along the fence. The fence should be up in 7-10 days and Frank will put up the signs when they arrive.

I had a discussion with Frank and Ryan and Josh in regards to the restrictions in the open Space area. When trees were cut down the logs were put in the conservation area carried by larger trucks. Another spot will have to be identified in the future as the area will be inaccessible. These logs are from our property so at some point we can find another area. There are 2 large piles of loam that was left over from this project that is being used by our staff. Once those piles are gone we cannot dump anything from the camp anywhere in the open space. There are no vehicles allowed in the open space area except for an employee

golf cart. Until the turtle sweep is completed probably midsummer that area will be continued to be blocked off.

As you can see there is still a lot of work to do but I am confident that we can meet this timeline.