

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE  
February 10, 2016 6:35 pm  
Town Hall Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Dennis Visconti, Chairman; Julie Boussy, Steve Slyvester, Aldo Ursino, Bill Previdi, Jack Bracciotti, Maura Campbell, James Sarno arrived at 6:43pm

**Absent members:** Stephen McDonough, Therese DiBlasi,

**1. RE:** Ice Skating Arena –The Committee is pleased to announce that the Ice Skating Arena has bounced back from a loss of revenue last year to an 85,000 dollar profit this year. The Arena has also filled the vacancy spot that the Mass Inter-Scholastic Association once held. Plus the new speaker system has been installed which was badly needed, it is very modern technology and very clear for all to hear announcements in the Arena. Solar Panels may be a good efficient idea for the Arena, but committee is putting off any further discussion on this until legislation on solar credits have been settled in the state of Massachusetts in order to have the most viable plan for the Arena. Bill Previdi is working with T. A. on the solar panel issue.

**2. RE:** There is now a posting for a Recreation Director on the town’s web site, whom will equip Stoneham’s youth with a great recreational program, and start it from the ground up. Applications have been pouring in from all over the country. Although we would like applications from Massachusetts residences, in which the town is hoping that a Recreational Director will be hired in Mid-February.

**3.** The committee wants to reach out to Stephen McDonough and wish him a speedy recovery. And want to thank him, Joanne St. Pierre and others that worked on the RFP which lead to a new Golf Management for Stoneham.

**4. RE:** Golf Courses – A 5 year deal to manage the course has been given to the Sterling Golf Management and after that every two year option can be given to manage it. And already talks about the management to improve sand traps, bunkers, re-due clubhouse and repair bathrooms if necessary are underway.

**5. RE:** Dog Park: Maura Campbell is doing a great job as always with finding out much more how Stoneham can be a town just like other towns that have a Dog Park. Stoneham has over 2000 dogs which is the reason why the committee feels that looking into a park for these dogs is in the best interest for the town, and our four legged friends. So our analysis still continues looking for a perfect area to accommodate this park with parking for the dog owners as well.

**6. RE:** OS&R Annual Report: The Committee would like to work on an Open Space & Recreational Annual Report since we feel the town is overdue for a report of this kind. M.C will evaluate the Dog Park, D.V will evaluate the Arena & B.P will evaluate the Golf Coarse.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Submitted by: Aldo Ursino