

Motion

On December 10 2019 the Park and Recreation Commission voted 4:1 to approve a Golf Course and Club House Master Plan as an 18 Hole Golf Course as currently constituted.

In July/August 2021, The Golf Course Master Plan RFP was created for a comprehensive plan to address functionality, playability, aesthetic appeal and consistency of architectural design of the 18-hole golf course and practice areas as approved by Town Council and Purchasing Department.

On November 29, 2021 the Golf Course Master Plan Process began with the participation of a 7 member Design Team (4 Park and Rec Commissioners and 3 Residents), a public survey and also public comment at all Public Meetings (11 mtgs). The Design Consultant Team was asked by the Design Review Team to consider including additional community sports and activities (other than the existing community activities) feasible within the 120 acres and that do not jeopardize public safety or interfere with golfing activities.

After the thorough site analysis and understanding of the 120 acres of land which is comprised of peat, ledge, wetland restrictions and contaminated soils, the Design Consultant Team has developed a preliminary Golf Course Master Plan and will continue to develop the plan over the next 2 months that supports an 18 hole Golf Course and any additional community recreational sports and activities that can be safely supported at the Golf Course.

Objections to Warrant Article 39:

1. The actions of the Parks and Recreation Commission have not been accurately conveyed
2. The Golf Course land does not support the feasible construction of additional playing fields due to means, methods, and financial burdens
3. The Masterplan is including walking trails and is investigating other opportunities that are deemed safe in tandem with the game of Golf.
4. The Golf Course is a self-sustaining facility as an Enterprise Fund without any burden on the Town finances
5. The Masterplan demonstrates commitment to care, and maintenance of the land as regulated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
6. The Golf Course is under the stewardship of a highly professional team that is actively demonstrating improved equity, inclusion and instruction for all people that wish to play the game of Golf.
7. The 18 Hole Golf Course supports School Golf Teams, Women's and Men's Leagues and provides lifelong activity of senior citizens.
8. The Masterplan includes the enhancement of activities outside of golf and is expanding opportunities as the land allows.

I move to not support Warrant Article 39.

