

Recreation & Parks
September 30, 2025, 5:30 PM
Community Center

Attendance: Rossana Ferrante, Karin Ernst, Chris Kennedy, Shelly Bedrossian, Larry Simpson

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

Reynolds Field Bidders Evaluation and Awards

- Shelly: Move to hire CHA for the Reynolds Field Project. Seconded.
- Discussion:
 - Because this is a RFQ, we do not have to choose the lowest bidder, we may choose the most qualified person to provide long-term value to the town.
 - This is CHA's specialty, and they have more experience with municipal/community projects. Olson's focus is more on architecture and they have more experience with private facilities.
 - CHA can do the work in-house and can provide greater cohesion. They have offices in Boston, the South Shore, and southern NH - 120 people within an hour of the site. Olson would be relying on more sub-contractors, which can mean more change orders and costs.
 - Cost comparison: CHA is 381,000. Olson is 328,000.
 - We need to commit to the entire contract, but they will bill as tasks are completed.
 - Per the bequest, we must vote and go before the Select Board. We will come back and ask for approval of the plan.
- All in favor, the motion passes.
- We will get on the next Select Board agenda.

Charter Language Review

- All departments need to submit their survey response by 10/8: Is there any language that is factually incorrect? Are there any observations, comments, or concerns?
 - Shelly: the document does not explicitly say that the Select Board can't delegate or give away powers.
 - Jaime: The Charter states that the Recreation & Park Commission can appoint senior level employees. It is not clear if the superintendent has authority to hire the next level director.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7th, at 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59.

Minutes taken by Mary Herchenhahn