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present: bachrach, foley, flaherty

welcome

- a. bill reviewed the wentworth project as it applies to our needs; his concern is that the group has concentrated on the challenging aspect of a community center and its resultant waste issues;

they are young college students gaining their experience and it has been fruitful for us as p+r; their drawings, especially C1.0 that showed two fields around the community center; and these fields centrally placed perpendicular to each other, rather than diagonal as in our drawings

we summarized by agreeing that we now have to request from the BoS for an engineering study

- b. we commented on jack foley's selection of mike torrisi as the 'fields czar' at pipe stave; this is an important responsibility and mike is handling it well; he is 'closing' the fields when appropriate; he seems to have feel for the position

- c. bill reviewed his presentation that we will use when we meet with the selectmen for the engineering study request; tom thanked bill again for the impressive amount of work and information that he has accumulated;

the two comments from the 3/24 meeting that need to be reviewed were 1. john mcgrath's belief that the main entrance to the pipe stave complex should be where it is now; and there should be a 'thru' road from the access road that circles the baseball field down the dunn hill and along the east edge of the dunn project accessing chase street; and 2. pat higin's concern that any construction on the west slope would be problematical; the slope angle would necessitate considerable retaining walls and excess expense

the cost numbers of the project's facilities were reviewed and are clearly included in bill's presentation; our numbers are approximate and maybe a bit high; nevertheless they give an idea of the scope of cost; we are hopeful that grants can be received as well as the considerable money in the town CPC account

finally, bill presented the two options; 1. includes the parking at the top of the west slope and the 'thru' road from the top access road down the hill to chase st; and 2. this option does not have the parking or thru road; both have the tennis courts, the dog park, and the fitness trail; in this discussion the need for the enlargement of the 'top' parking lot was fully discussed; tom discussed the often reviewed 'trailer path' that could exit the west end of the lot and wind circularly to the DPW parking area; he also presented

a new idea: the trailer path could access the first ring where the gate is and move around the first ring back to the original entrance at the gate area

finally, we discussed our next step; bill feels strongly that we have accumulated the necessary data to move forward ; that means we request a meeting with the BoS and seek an engineering study; bill feels that september is a possible time; this would also give us time to pursue the 'top' parking issues for lot expansion;

the handicap parking next to field 5 is critical; currently, it appears that there is space for 10+ vehicles on the road way;

this still doesn't solve the 'long walk' from the handicap area to field 7

adjournment