TOWN OF BURLINGTON

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DEPT./BOARD: Land Use Committee, Burlington Town Meeting
DATE: February 27, 2019
TIME: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
PLACE: Town Hall Annex Basement

Agenda

1. Discussion of property connected to Mary Cummings Park
2. Discussion of Burlington Master Plan process
3. Other items
Minutes

Land Use Committee Meeting

February 27, 2019

Present: Monte Pearson, Dan DiTucci Jr., Dave Webb, Erin Ellis, Gary Mercier, Joanne Kinchla.

1. Dave Webb made a presentation about the complicated history of Marvin Field, the field used for softball on South Bedford Street. Mary Cummings Park was given as a Trust to the City of Boston by Mary Cummings. In 1962, the Town Meeting voted to take the Park by Eminent Domain and in 1964 the Selectmen took the land. However, there are no records of any financial transaction and in 1984 the Attorney General ruled the taking was invalid. However, the Registry of Deeds does show that the Water Tower was taken by the town.

Currently, the Town Assessor's office say that plot 54-12 i.e. Marvin Field is also owned by the Town of Burlington. The Field is controlled by the Recreation Dept. The Friends of Mary Cummings Park want to ensure that the field is officially part of the Mary Cummings Park because Boston is ready to say all of the park has a conservation restriction when it gives management of the park to the Trustees of Reservation. Then Marvin Field will be protected by the conservation restriction as well.

The Committee voted 6-0 for the following resolution: The Land Use Committee supports revision (correction) of the town's records to reflect that assessor's parcel 54-12-0, now called Marvin Field and used by the Burlington Parks and Recreation dept. as a ball field, remains part of Mary Cummings Park with the City of Boston as Trustee. This parcel is zoned Open Space by vote of Town Meeting.

2. No Planning Board staff could come to the meeting so there was no discussion of the Master Planning Process.

3. There was a discussion of the LUC role versus the Zoning Bylaws Review Committee (ZBRC). In general, ZBRC wants to take the lead on issues that involve changing the text of a specific town zoning bylaw. LUC then would handle situations where Town Meeting votes on an actual change of use of a specific property in town. Both would be involved in revisions to a PDD since that involves text and use changes.

Submitted by Monte Pearson