

Minutes of the Playground Committee Meeting on Thursday, 5/5/16, 7:15 pm at the Buzz Ware Center.

Members present were Jim Laurino, Dela Bryan, and Katrina Streiff.

The Town Advisory Chair was also present. Mick Fitzharris resigned from the committee on 4/23/16. Several community members also attended this meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting, on 2/26/16 had not yet been transcribed.

All present agreed that the community sentiment at that meeting was to remove all rocks atop the mound. This was unanimously accepted by the committee on 2/26/16.

At the present meeting, Steven reported on the communications the town officers had with the Natural Playground Company, in particular the president of the company and the construction manager. The construction manager, Shawn, visited Arden on 4/28/16 and inspected the work done to date.

Steven reported that this company made a proposal to finish the work, which they could do promptly. They recommended removing or laying flat all the pointed rocks on the top of the mound. They found no problems otherwise with the conception and the work executed to date. The officers were able to arrange funding for completion under this proposal without using any town money (land rent).

A motion was made and unanimously approved to give authority to the officers to continue execution of the mound and slide project with Natural Playgrounds and in coordination with the Playground Committee.

Because of the changes necessitated in finishing the mound ASAP, volunteer labor will be used, under supervision of Natural Playgrounds, to lay the ADA ring mat and sod. The committee will help to coordinate this volunteer labor. It may be necessary to make some changes with respect to the sod plan.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to give the officers of Arden authority to deal with the sod plan and installation, in coordination with the Playground Committee.

There was a brief review of other ongoing issues before the committee, including testing the existing mulch in the fall zones for compliance to standards.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.