

## Fairfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Community Discussions

**Group: Board of Finance 2/17/22 4 – 6 pm**

In Attendance:

- Anthony Calabrese
- Gaylen Brown
- Craig Curley
- Sheila Marmion
- Kevin Starke
- Chris DeWitt

Input:

Programming

- Summer Camps are great...in the past it was a competition to get your kids in...kids later became counselors which was a nice continuum.
- Scheduling for older adults might be improved...timing v. offerings.
- Concerts at Lake Mohegan would be great.

Facilities

- No pool is a missed opportunity.
- Town is more fragmented...neighborhood based.
- Golf amenities...driving range underutilized, a lot of property there with opportunity for more fields. Revenue at driving range is low, improvements could improve/increase revenue generated. Winterized, lights, heating.
- Golf Courses don't have a real practice area...which would increase opportunities. With the right facility, could expand programming, camps, etc.
- Town appears to be segmented and not everyone knows what there is outside of their own neighborhood.
- Last snow storm, kids were sledding at the golf course, parents were around the fire pit, and it was packed, everyone enjoying the space.
- How to pay for turf...agree turf and better conditions and lower maintenance costs would be a good thing (although more upfront costs). Costs crushed rubber v. organic (corn/coconut) could be flushed out...need to irrigate organic to keep it moist. Data on health impacts are inconclusive. CT legislature working to banish crumb rubber.
- Past relationships with leagues where they assist/offset costs with improvements and other equipment/structural needs. Is there an established methodology for 501 C 3 providing financial contributions? Work should be coordinated by the Town, and subject to audit and financial oversight.
- Comfort station investments should be a priority. About half has physical stations, others have port-a-pots.
- Beach is the biggest asset. Should be a restaurant on the beach...would have to change the way the town does beach stickers. Does the town need to be in the banquet business? Doesn't have to be all or nothing, what about something for everyone? Showers and storage are important.

Use Boca (golf course) as an example...leased with incentive revenue once certain threshold is reached.

- Marina...wasn't there a plan? It got shelved, folks like it as is. Needs to be more of a town facility/amenity.
- Kayak rentals on the beach...an insurance risk. If private vendor, once they get insurance quotes, becomes an issue. Needs amenities 'by the marina'...concessions would be great.
- Have you ever considered making Jackie Durrell four seasons?
- What about a hockey rink/facility? Sacred Heart's rink...town gets a percentage of ice time as a result, and rentals will be offered. Outdoor hockey also would be great.
- Restaurant at Lake Mohegan? Residents/tourists are already there.

#### Information

- Social media and brochures have realized an increase significantly.
- Could be spread throughout all neighborhoods, seems siloed at times.
- Parks and Recreation do a great job with website/social media. Partnerships that they offer are great.
- The brochure is totally worth it...hard copies work for a lot of people.
- Parks and Recreation advertises Senior Center programming in their brochures...Parks and Recreation works to not compete with what others in town are offering.

#### Connectivity/Mobility

- Traffic is an issue for safety and children. Sidewalks needed.
- Bike lanes under Parks and Recreation? Not necessarily but could be a partner.
- Mill Plain over to Pine Creek to Old Field to Riverside to Grasmere to Commerce in the shoulder as a loop...would need to change driver's mind set with signage. Stratfield Rd. is tough to walk on.

#### General Comments

- Need to bring all parts of town together, Parks and Recreation already facilitates this, but we can do more.

## **Fairfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Community Discussions**

**Group: First Selectwoman Brenda Kupchick 2/17/22 1 – 2 pm**

In Attendance:

- Brenda Kupchick, First Selectwoman
- Gaylen Brown, Assistant Director Parks and Recreation

Input:

Programming

- Parks and Recreation offers a lot of programming that is affordable
- Summer camps are great.
- Sherman Green concerts...great but could do more...monthly perhaps closing a street (30 – 60 yr. old residents)...make the town more fun, centered on perhaps single folks/empty-nesters.
- Sand Jam movies on the beach...maybe events on Penfield, allow folks to bring pizza, and hang out, liquor license/permit (Art District in New Orleans feel). A lot of activities for parents with kids, how about for adult residents.
- Dog parks are needed. Town has a large open space, water and hiking that is dog-friendly (unleashed by design). Residents are asking for closed-in (fenced) areas for dogs.

Facilities

- Public/private partnership...for field upgrades, working with Fairfield Athletic Foundation, but costs are significant and still working out implementation.

Information

- Parks and Recreation does a good job with advertising events/activities and programs.
- Social media is great, haven't heard any complaints.

Connectivity/Mobility

- Jennings/Penfield...could be better for folks with disabilities (Milford does this well).
- Bike/Pedestrian Committee...working on accessibility issues.

General Comments

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**Fairfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Community Discussions**  
**Group: Golf Commission 2/8/22 2 – 4 pm, 2/9 5 pm**

In Attendance:

- Mike Herrington - Commissioner

*Golf Courses*

**H. Smith Richardson:**

Programming

- New tee-time system this year.
- Membership: approx.. 700 golfers (100 seniors/125 ladies/450 men's leagues).
- 55 k rounds of golf played last year...a record.
- Leagues have own events/6 tournaments per year for leagues (35% non-resident membership).
- More community participation/programs...introduce more to the game/course...some push back from non-golfers. Bob creating a junior program and expanding adult program.
- Bob to continue working with P/R.
- A new instructor? Current programs are filling up, so maybe.
- More events/tournaments.

Facilities

- Recently built new clubhouse....ADA accessibility-compliant, parking undersized for both golf/restaurant use, particularly high season...considering valet, but not sure where that would happen.
- 18 holes, celebrating 50 yr. anniversary, rated one of the best in the state.
- Just completed 10 yr. plan (reconstruction of clubhouse/bunkhouse).
- US Golf Assoc. last year came out said course is in good shape considering amount of use...recommendations for tree cutting/vegetation cut-back to allow for more sunlight to the turf.
- Current long-term plan the subcommittee is working on...cart paths are deficient (beat up/poor condition, too wide) and need to be replaced...looking for another town-sponsored commitment (previous one was for \$10 M with \$100 K per year for ten years). Also drainage project is on their plan...some fairways don't drain well. Address capital items beyond day-to-day course maintenance...looking for commitment from town (\$1 m ...\$100 k per year).
- New pro shop, golf cart barn, locker rooms with club house rebuild.
- Courses comply with town environmental regulations, and ponds regarding drainage work.
- Turning attention to the actual golf course...working on plan to address big/small issues...good sense of what to do with course.
- Need new driving range/practice facility, year-round (in budget for \$500 k next year).
- Equipment...need upgrade to maintenance equipment...own employees on site, backup from R/R. staff are thin, could use more staff, mainly focused on mowing, rather than special projects.
- Open to GI/LID projects.

Information

- Each course has own website outside of town 's website.

Connectivity/Mobility

## General Comments

- Climate change...migration of native species? Not doing anything related to this.

## **Carl Dickman Par 3**

### Facilities

- Subcommittee attends to...looking at vegetation cleanup/cut back, will be developing a long-term plan.
- Golf pro is fairly new/great...involved in both courses.
- Could be improved, a jewel, but needs some love.
- No bathrooms, small check-in box...for amount of service, needs more attention. Consider 'overflow' but shouldn't...a stand-alone facility.

## **Driving Range (near H. Smith Richardson)**

### Facilities

- Active but not in great shape...looking at enhancements, practice facilities, cleaning up mats

## *Town Marina*

### Facilities

- Several years ago determined to be woefully inadequate...there was a plan to rebuild marina (doesn't conform to space sizing for boats), but it would have reduced the capacity of the marina. Parks/Rec. Commission approved, marina users opposed, BOS decided not to move forward.
- Safety is a concern....for small boat access, currently using 'frog hooks' to secure boats in and people are falling off pads to get onto their boat. Town/marina made available to boaters at an additional fee, town should have paid for all due to funding marina brings in.
- Recently dredged channel, now access fully conforms with industry standards.

**Fairfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Community Discussions**  
**Group: Parks and Recreation Commission 2/9/22 12 – 2 pm**

In Attendance:

- Brian Nerreau
- Dylan O'Connor
- Bill Llewellyn
- Chris McCoy
- Bridgette McBride
- McKay Jameson

Programming

- Programming is good...never lacked anything, girls volleyball would be a good addition.
- Registration...never used the app, online is quirky.
- Field Hockey would be a good addition programs.
- Town should offer anything HS does as 'feeders.'
- Tomlinson may offer field hockey.
- Program at Middle School?
- Age groups...maybe open age groups up more for those just starting to get 'a team' secured...outside teams are expensive. Town has the indoor space to do this. Town has tried volleyball several times, couldn't get the schools to use.
- Consider partnership for summer program?

Facilities

- Fields...trying to get more turf fields, other towns playing soccer at night on turf (HSs have turf field each). Open up a lot of the bottlenecks, no permit hoarding...would make competitiveness equitable.
- Anthony has carved out a nice plan.
- Dwight Park is possibly a tear-down and good option for turf (drainage problem).
- Preparation of fields after storms has been haphazard.
- Art. Turf would help relieve grass use.
- Tournament plan (4 per year)...Benefit Costs Analysis to show the benefit.
- Dedications/naming rights can help bring funds to construct.
- Behind golf course, there is a lot of acreage/capacity within a central location...could be ideal...access road is not great, and Police Dept. shooting range is back there. Giant Steps properties.
- Driving range...modernizing this...outdated. Could be revenue generator. Prove investments would generate revenue, short-term...increase the hours of operation...Top Golf location...they would build everything for the Town.
- Adult softball...fields are not great.
- Soccer at Warde...good, but not great due to maintenance.
- Sporadic plan for sports...everything is spread out...need a sports complex...one destination, challenge is finding the space to make it happen...how to build complex in established town...partnerships public/private.
- Warde...need to deal with equity, BOE property conflicts. FAF plan for Warde with multi-purpose facilities (complex) but so many barriers with BOE Ludlowe/Sullivan two projects, then Tunxis Hill and Giant Steps, Dugiello, Dwight. Sullivan is an option too, for multi-purpose field options.

- Commission to dev. Wish list...Sullivan, Dugiello as priorities.
- Land area near Metro...contaminated?
- Online system for field use...measure's in place to penalize...software update...can see who has what. Crossover with F. National/American LL, no designated fields.
- Contracts with Greenways...Greenways not currently Town's contractor...out to bid. Fairfield American pays for maintenance of fields, Fairfield National may pay for theirs too....they pay Greenway, not allowed to bring in outside contractors.
- P/R grounds staff to begin overtaking some of the grooming, but staffing is limited.
- There are some 'agreements' in place with leagues for maintenance and upkeep. Am. National and girls' softball don't pay the \$25 per head because they agreed to capital projects/expenses.
- ADA accessibility? Charge when rehab/retro-fitting sites...Transition plans should be developed. Risk Management taking this on...a liability? Challenger games hosted in Town...
- Playgrounds to be updated (current list in place and funded...designs in place). Sgt. Murphy playground on the list? In poor condition. Fitness park (in Spring) will be ADA accessible. Consider surfacing as an issue to plan for.
- Pickleball...saw the reaction at PW # 1...they want multiple courts near each other...Lake Mohegan has room for courts (conservation covenants on site).
- Warde student AED presentation on locations for access off season...P/R Commission to look at this...AED subcommittee interested in supporting this...Gaylen – there are 11 interior AEDs for distribution at specific locations.
- Dog park locations...Ash Creek, Lake Mohegan...2<sup>nd</sup> not as popular because a lot of people already bringing their dogs there.
- Marina...is old, fairways are one-third of what is regulated.
- Pool is needed. Jennings parking lot potential? A lot of big events go there...
- Pickleball at Lake Mohegan would suffice the pickleball group...but would be underserving the Town...Senior Center potential? Replace skate park?
- Splash pad near beach...Jennings maybe? SPARKS put one in prior.
- Pool is needed because the clubs are so expensive, and schools have to rent space for their competitive teams.
- Mill Hill area...privately-owned development plans on the books.

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#### Connectivity/Mobility

- Major intersections...stop signage (buttons) would be good.
- Trail behind Owen Fish...opportunity (previous request)

#### General Comments

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## Fairfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Community Discussions

**Group: Selectman Thomas Flynn 2/25/22 9:30 – 10:30 am**

In Attendance:

- Thomas Flynn, Selectman

Input:

Programming

- Town should look at things 'holistically'...oversight over civic v. Parks/Rec v. Library v. others.

Facilities

- Coastline/beachfront is a huge opportunity for a stand-alone master plan...opportunities for things such as a restaurant and waterfront activities. The marina becomes a private club at an inexpensive rate. Pressure at Penfield Pavilion for no restaurant by neighbors...Jennings Beach has opportunity as well. Need to look at the coastline in a comprehensive approach as one of the Town's greatest assets...this should be an action item. We should treat the coastline as a business...what do we have to charge to make it work, but also affordable for all residents to participate. We have all these sub-boards/commissions that don't look at it as a business to cover costs...whether as a break-even proposition, or some that generate revenue to cover those that don't.
- Concerned over the popular things that get lobbied for...without consideration for the historic sites (cemeteries) in Town. Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are focused on the upkeep of historic cemeteries, working with Fairfield History Museum. Cemeteries in town are in bad condition. Need to balance investments for upgrades/improvements without losing sight of the Town's history (150-year-old headstones).
- Fields are in deplorable shape. 15 sites with concept plans are likely accurate but finding the funds to do the work is the problem...we need to approach this as a separate business. Golf courses in town were done this way...making them profitable in order to reinvest in them consistently (\$110 – \$150 k put into clubhouse, and additional \$7 million later into Smith Richardson clubhouse).
- Several years ago invested in a softball field (Dugiello)...they also wanted lights on the field, but the ask died at BOF because there was no plan from the league to pay for it. Lights would certainly have increased capacity at the site. Perhaps a new protocol for upgrades/improvements on all parties par is needed. Programs have to be self-sustaining with consensus on a prioritization of improvements.
- 10 years ago the Town invested in the Middle School adjacent to the Library which still had some traffic issues...then shortly after, the Library came forward for needed improvements. This should have been a coordinated effort/joint project that could have realized some efficiencies with infrastructure and a better traffic pattern.
- A number of entities has purview over fields...so no one knows where/who to go to.
- Regarding location for a 'community' park/complex...perhaps on Old Dam Road by golf course...probably the only site with enough land. Maybe satellite parks perhaps would be better throughout the community...GIS Analysis is a good concept to identify potential sites.

- Town should plan for multiple uses...stripe tennis courts for pickleball also.
- Tennis bubble was a public/private partnership that worked well. Master Plan needs to be actionable and realistic.
- Synthetic fields are great...do we need all of them to be turf?
- Need more transparency in terms of upkeep and care of facilities (who is responsible for what).
- Stakeholders in Town need to put pen to paper...how to monetize improvements...what is needed?

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#### Connectivity/Mobility

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#### General Comments

- 17 years in town government, 3<sup>rd</sup> budget cycle with BOS

## Fairfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Community Discussions

**Group: First Selectwoman Lefkowitz 2/25/22 10:30 – 11:30 am**

In Attendance:

- Nancy Lefkowitz, Selectwoman

Input:

Programming

- More drive-in events, taking over parking lots of beaches...(Westport has a successful summer series), more food truck festivals, family-oriented events, jazz nights...bring people together around food and arts/culture.
- Westport has a great 'Beach Camp'...not certain Fairfield is taking advantage of all assets at the beach.
- Westport ('Longshore' as a model)...offers boating/sailing/kayaking school, Fairfield should do this.
- Programming/events can be political/religious, with a sense of partisanship...should be able to engage as a community, ask important questions about process and have these discussions.

Facilities

- Turf fields...many frustrated that it hasn't already happened.
- Greenfield Hill has no walkability or neighborhood parks...no community gathering space or sidewalks.
- Boating in town feels exclusive...how to expand waterfront offerings that are accessible to all residents.
- Fairfield is really a small city divided into 10 voting districts...opportunity thru Parks/Rec to create 10 individual 'hamlets' with each having distinct sites/amenities that could also serve as the common thread throughout the community. 'Equity'...with each distinct need, how to plan for that? Should be unique to each district, not all the same. Things feel sort of disjointed...open space/nature are effective ways to bring people together.

Information

- More transparency/information is needed so there is less speculation...Fairfield Beach Club and Country Club of Fairfield are good examples here...do they pay taxes, rent, etc. Would be good if residents understood the logistics.
- Leash laws and dog 'situations' at sites are not clear...some sites under Parks/Rec and some under Conservation...use communication tools and transparency for rules/regulations to improve this understanding.
- First Selectwoman has a newsletter for communication...can this be more neutralized?

Connectivity/Mobility

- Bike paths to 'connect' the community.

General Comments

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**Fairfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Community Discussions**  
**Group: Sports Facilities 2/8/22 6 – 8 pm**

In Attendance:

- Chris Britt – Fairfield Rugby Club
- Michael Menkes – Fairfield Babe Ruth Baseball
- Michael Broderick – Fairfield National Little League
- Matt Colangelo – Fairfield Little League Softball
- Brendan Sullivan – Fairfield Youth Football
- Sarsfield Ford – Fairfield Legion Baseball
- Terry Carroll – Fairfield Little League Girls Softball

Programming

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Facilities

- Fields are far behind where they should be...Trumbull/Newtown. Town asleep at wheel FAF/Athletic Foundation trying to raise money with leagues ...too many kids...too many sports, youth field hockey has no field space...only 5 team home games due to lack of space for tackle football...10 teams had to travel.
- Losing coaches at high school level due to late times for practice/play...late evening play makes it difficult for kids to play multiple sports, get home at night.
- Fields could be better...but can't overuse.
- Maximize utilization by renting out if not in use...permit hoarding happening because if foul weather, they need to find the space last minute. If it rains hard at 10 pm...no practice the next day.
- Baseball fields aren't good...lower Tunxis. Also a multi-purpose/shared use with soccer...has conflicts. Kiwanis decent baseball field. Warde now controlled by BOE. BOE controls fields with facilities that sit empty. Process is burdensome to reserve/get because no central point exists. As the town adds facilities, need central POC or better software, import fines if don't use field reservation.
- Can see availability on line but can't see who actually has it reserved...would be helpful to be able to swap...'Global Calendar' ...would reduce showing up double-booked. Town and High School fields into one calendar.
- High Schools...Miriam has to go through two athletic directors...new software/process?
- High Schools want youth programs there...they are feeders to their teams.
- If families can pay, children have access to great fields/facilities. Equity in town doesn't always work.
- Lights...and fall sports are difficult. Sullivan Field lighting is good. Football purchased lights \$8 k...10 in total. Mill Hill great place, no lights. Adult softball field has lights. Lighting is a requirement to host tournament...lost revenue.
- Down to 4 baseball fields...Figure out how to keep what they have in good safe condition, currently not maintained by contractor, esp. at Kiwanis. Grounds people don't have knowledge for field maintenance, causing injuries, sprinkler head/irrigation covers in the way. Fencing around fields is dangerous. Long term goal...turf one of the fields, with lights...but problematic with neighbors.
- They get adult summer college league requests young residents who have come back to town but can't offer because no lighting for night play.

- Significant equipment loss...no backstops, lost balls. Some limited with age play, 16/17 yr. old cause an accident with foul balls...bought tarps for fields to keep rain off, but also used by neighborhood and residents take tarps off fields. Seaside Park...partner with college for shared use...and don't turf the outfield (grass), just the infield (artificial). If they grade infield every year, just keeps getting worse. Preserve what exists first. Contractor doesn't know what they are doing. In summer, often lose use of Tunxis...due to thunderstorms/drainage late July.
- Drainage is an issue at most fields.
- Fix knowing who has the fields now (global calendar)...Better define others using batting cages v. fields (conflicts). Permit should be just for field for game time.
- Owen field cage needs to be fixed.
- Practice time is limited for a lot of teams due to lack of fields.
- Upper Tunxis/Kiwanis/Mill Hill cages...they get destroyed by outsiders, L screens.
- Teams locking up bases or staying in ground all winter and get ruined.
- Leagues don't mind with helping with upkeep...but the bigger stuff is harder.
- Softball...crown jewel of a field, but drainage issue. Last year hosted district, sectional, state...played at Warde, due to poor field conditions. Need lights for fall ball. HSs largest little league softball in state...those approaching HS can't play on the fields due to BOE control. Girls have to use mats to pitch off mound at HS. No field amenities. Other towns don't want to play on mats. Dougiello use is limited. Lack of practice time to qualify for all stars need to play a lot of games. Transparency with online system would be great, avoid bothering Gaylen...open up HSs...never had a home game or home practice.
- Rugby is growing, but BOE is a barrier. Trying to find a home in Town...losing kids to other towns...consider re-purposing underutilized field...typically use Veteran's Park.
- FAF trying to get to a better understanding of equity of use...already working with town to have multi-purpose use at these sites.
- Families likely willing to pay a fee to make improvements happen, plus the monetizing of tournaments...need help immediately. Maximize usage to fund.
- Indoor facility is needed...two universities don't have full indoor either...work with them for partnership. Resources and wealth in town. Universities don't pay property taxes. Corporate partnerships.
- Multi-purpose is the way to go...look at the financial comps of grass v. turf.
- Get turf fields (multiple) adjacent to each other, so you could host tournaments.
- Little League...out of town players...have to pay \$75 per game for use of fields...a problem, so they go elsewhere.

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#### Connectivity/Mobility

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#### General Comments

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**Fairfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Community Discussions**  
**Group: Town Administration 2/8/22 12 – 2 pm**

In Attendance:

- Beverly Balaz – Chamber of Commerce
- Mark Barnhart – Economic Development
- Tim Bishop – Conservation
- John Cottrell – DPW
- Julie Pemarco – Human Services
- Anthony Calabrese – Parks and Recreation
- Doug Novak – Parks and Recreation

Programming

- Bring back 'Taste of Fairfield.'
- Frisbee golf would be nice.
- Registration system and P/R programs are great.
- Swim lessons offered at Penfield and Lake Mohegan.
- Summer camp, outdoor music/concert series are awesome, as are the beaches

Facilities

- Pickleball is huge, indoor facility similar to tennis is needed.
- Town needs a pool...indoor/outdoor. Both high schools have competitive swimming programs/teams, but no pools.
- Senior Center has soccer field/dog park, dogs run free, no one respects signs. H accessible trail could be cleaned up enhanced (seasonal)...perhaps children's group/scouts could become stewards? Center is very old; some improvements are cost-prohibitive (windows/HVAC)...covered pavilion would be nice. Does not have a cooking kitchen so not desirable as rental space. Located in 100-year flood zone which is an issue. Center does provide transportation for seniors .
- Need restaurant on the water/event space...rooftops always work well. Economic Development recently held a retreat discussed a restaurant at marina.
- Need outdoor event space with stage (possibly museum grounds).
- Commission on Disabilities (new)...would like to have field with gym mats for use by all abilities.
- Splash pads big in Bridgeport...would be nice at the beaches, especially when swimming is closed to the public...people are still at the beach. There is a splash pad at Lake Mohegan (30 yrs. old?). Out to bid now for replacement, heavily used by younger population.
- Conservation generally deals with permitting, not planning...electric vehicle charging stations at open space areas would be great...town navigating toward this for their fleet? Works with land acquisition of parcels (adjacency)...there is a priority list (needs to be updated 2018-2019)
- Leagues push to get on fields early in the year, overuse/over-scheduling...night lighting (football rents lighting towers but not necessarily effective)
- Need ice skating rink (seasonal/outdoor)...had one downtown but was short-lived.
- Need dog park...leashed/unleashed.
- Limited multi use (Veteran's Park probably the closest) sites...South Pine Creek complex is good, but town overall is segmented, and parking is limited/often an issue
- No real 'parks' in town, like a community park...a destination/focal point.

Information

- Registration system and P/R programs are great.

#### Connectivity/Mobility

- Need a shuttle/trolley centrally located to bring folks around town, maybe co-located at train station.
- Connectivity could be improved...sidewalks are haphazard...great facilities (beach is an asset), golf courses are significant, walking trail could happen along Beach Road.
- Walking paths great at Hollow Lake...stone dust path always used (trail maintenance falls on conservation).
- Ridgefield...Norwalk Valley River Trail continuous trail Norwalk to Danbury that is ADA-accessible...good example...connectivity in town could be improved. Complete Streets policy, but no ordinance

#### General Comments

- Stratfield does not have a lot to offer, town needs to be less compartmentalized
- Primary hurdle in town...people don't want things in their backyard...neighbors are the issue...need to change the culture in town...what will/won't work.
- Town has a 'Dark Sky' ordinance.
- Neighborhood associations need an umbrella group for education/awareness and bring neighbors together.
- Oakland Cemetery...100-acre parcel...owner is developing tree-walking tours, pollinator gardens, bees...during covid, a ton of people used/visited...trying hard to give it a different look/feel...town needs more of this.
- Signage could be improved ...got a grant for wayfinding signage, no funding to execute the plan though...targeted towards residents and tourists/seasonal and universities...kiosks ...at train station?