

**Camp Aya - Po Strategic Planning Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2015**  
**Somers Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room**  
**7:00 pm**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Brad Pellissier called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

**Members Present:** David Arnold, Timothy Welch, Barbara Capuano, Michelle Young, Paul Rasic, Patricia Loftus, Brad Pellissier, Rob Hartman, Chris Boucher, Tom Van Tassel and Town Liaisons Bruce Urbon and Jeff Bord.

Brad Pellissier opened the discussion regarding the revised draft survey created by Dave Arnold, Chris Boucher and Michelle Young asking members for their input. Committee members reviewed the requested changes and suggested additional language clarifying the actual description of the Camp, the passive recreation statement and a better visual map.

**Motion to Approve the Survey:**

**Motion:** D. Arnold **Second:** Pat Loftus Passed unanimously.

Survey distribution discussion:

Chris Boucher suggested a link to the survey should be available via the town website, the town Facebook page, the recreation department website and Facebook page. He explained the survey would only be available by a link, not a direct website of the survey. Members suggested notice should be placed on the sign in front of Town Hall with hard copies available at Town Hall, the Library, Senior Center, Somers Pharmacy and Ace Hardware store. Chris Boucher will ask the PTO if they would be willing to send the survey to their email lists, Pat Loftus will ask the Somers Fire Department, Dave Arnold will ask the American Legion, Brad Pellissier will ask the DTC and RTC, Paul Rasic will ask the Lions. An opening paragraph to accompany the email will be drafted by Dave Arnold, Chris Boucher and Michelle Young. Jeff Bord suggested asking Ann Logan about the email list used for dog licenses ó Michelle Young will check with Ann. Pat Loftus suggested when the survey is ready the committee should take it first as a trial run. Brad asked if Chris thought that would be possible for the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chris will try. (We cannot use the dog license email list but the Tax Collector would be happy to include an insert to January tax bills that would reach about 1,200 residents and Somers Pharmacy will be happy to place hard copy surveys in their location).

**Motion to Amend the Agenda to Include Additional Business:**

**Motion:** T. Van Tassel **Second:** P. Rasic Passed unanimously.

Brad Pellissier asked if anyone had additional business. Pat Loftus updated the committee on her communication with a journalist from the Hartford Courant where she had invited him to go up to the Camp and perhaps make suggestions as to usage given he writes often about parks, open space, trails, etc and has seen a lot of what other towns do. He did visit the Camp and suggested he would be available to talk with the group at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. General consensus was that was too early especially if we want to include the Trails Committee so Pat will write and suggest a visit after the first of the year.

The committee determined the following additional meeting dates:

Wednesday, February 17, 2016  
Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
Wednesday, May 18, 2016  
Wednesday, June 15, 2016

**Minutes of October 21, 2015 Meeting:**

**Motion:** T. Welch. **Second:** D. Arnold to approve minutes. Passed unanimously.

**Adjournment: 8:03 P.M. Motion:** B. Upton. **Second:** B. Capuano. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Young  
Camp Aya Po Strategic Planning Committee  
Secretary