



## Committee to review rink

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A five-person committee Mayor Bill Scanlon named this week will review a proposal to build an ice rink near Beverly Airport will be reviewed by.

Peter Petri of Wenham heads Innovative Sports Group formed solely to submit the proposal to the city.

The group was the only company to submit a plan in response to a request for proposals by the city government for an ice rink to go on city land on LP Henderson Road near Beverly Airport.

The plan calls for an \$8 million sports complex with two National Hockey League-sized ice rinks and an indoor athletic field.

If approved, Petri said the project could be completed by August 2008 and would become home to the Endicott College and St. John's Prep hockey programs.

The review committee consists of Larry Smith, the former president of Beverly National Bank; Bill Cahill, the former chairman of the School Committee, a former college hockey player and the father of two hockey players; and Bill Mahoney, a retired General Electric executive who is on the Airport Commission. It will also include Planning Director Tina Cassidy and Finance Director John Dunn.

Cassidy said the committee will meet during the next few weeks and return a recommendation about whether the city should begin negotiations with Innovative Sports Group by the end of August.

### **Subdivision rejected**

The Planning Board has denied plans to build a new neighborhood off of Foster Street — a project that neighbors said would increase flooding in the area and ruin the rustic nature of two nearby summer camps.

Developer Robert Hubbard had submitted two different proposals — either to build four new homes in a traditional subdivision or five new homes in a cluster subdivision — for a five-acre parcel at 30 Foster St.

In a two-page decision, the board wrote that a new intersection on Foster Street, between Common Lane and Boyles Street, would be too dangerous. It also denied the plan because the lot had been created by permission of a special permit that allowed it to be a pork-chop lot with less than the required road frontage.

The decision said that if the pork chop had been originally created to allow the development currently being proposed by Hubbard that the pork-chop lot would not have been permitted. The new homes and traffic “would have a dramatic negative impact on the two adjacent camps by forever altering the rural nature of the area.”

### **Beverly baseball night**

Beverly will get its own night at a local baseball park.

The North Shore Spirit is hosting “Beverly night” on Friday, Aug. 17 at Fraser Field in Lynn. The team is an unaffiliated minor-league team that plays in the Can-Am league. On Aug. 17 the Spirit will be playing the Can-Am Grays.

The evening will feature discounted tickets for Beverly residents and Mayor Bill Scanlon throwing out the first pitch.

Recreation Director Bruce Doig said different games would be played on the field between innings that will feature Beverly kids. The Recreation Department will make the game a night out for its staff, he said.

Scanlon said the game will be a “great family event with entertainment and prizes.”

“It’s really quite affordable,” Scanlon said. “You’re not going to get Fenway Park prices on the food.”

The gates will open at 6 p.m. and the first pitch will be at 6:45 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$3 each from the Recreation Department by calling 978-921-6067.