

A meeting of the Commissioners of Oak Grove Farm was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., at Oak Grove Farm.

Present were:

The agenda item was discussion of that portion of Article 23 of the 2014 Annual Spring Town Meeting Report/Warrant that requests funding for new field construction, including preliminary soil testing and site elevation, at Oak Grove Farm (OGF).

Chairman MacInnes distributed a photograph he received at a meeting of the Fields Committee held on May 1, 2014, of the proposed location of two fields (one 11 on 11 and one 8 on 8) that the Fields Committee has proposed for OGF. For reference purposes, a copy of the plan is attached. Members indicated that they saw the enlarged plans on display at the Town Hall, but this plan was never formally presented at any meeting of OGF that would have allowed the Commissioners to discuss with the Fields Committee the field situation in Millis and any proposed location of fields within OGF.

Members continued to express a need for additional fields. Chairman MacInnes reviewed with the membership comments OGF received from the soccer club users of OGF, that an 8 on 8 field

with two 6 on 6 field overlaying the 8 on 8 would greatly meet the needs of those users of OGF. However, Chairman MacInnes told the members that at the May 1, 2014, Fields Committee meeting he attended, Chairman Wagner and Member Sean Doherty stated that Steve Cassidy, head of the Millis Soccer Club, thinks it would be a great idea to "get the biggest bang for our buck."

Members did not disagree with the prospect of an 11 on 11 field, but everyone was in agreement that there are too many questions that have yet to be answered, for example: the location of the fields; why two fields are proposed rather than one field with an overlay; who will be responsible for maintenance of these fields, if the 11 on 11 is to be used primarily by the high school; what users will pay to use the proposed field(s). Further discussion by the membership concluded that it would be more desirable to have smaller fields overlaying the larger field. All members agreed that the large number of mature Oak trees that are proposed to be removed is not, based on the attached plan, in the best interests of the users of OGF.

On motion of Mr. Fontecchio, and seconded by Mr. McAvoy, it was unanimously voted that the Commissioners of Oak Grove Farm, as it is required to do, will allow the following work to be performed at OGF, with the condition that there shall be no

disturbance of those trees located between Exchange Street and the cleared areas: surveying for topographical information, soil testing, mapping, and engineering information that will be provided to the OGF Commission as the work is completed.

The OGF Commission membership concluded by stating they will research the feasibility of a location within OGF that will be conducive for an 11 on 11 field with other size fields to overlay this 11 on 11 field.

VOTING IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION WERE:

VOTING TO OPPOSE THIS MOTION WERE:

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. MacInnes, Chairman, OGF

Will only permit