

**TOWN FIELDS COMMITTEE
ROOM 101, VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
900 MAIN STREET
MILLIS, MA 02054
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Steve MacInnes, Kris Fogarty, Sean Doherty, Brutus Cantoreggi, Jim McKay, Sue Vara

Meeting Called to Order: 6:36 pm

New Business:

At this meeting, discussion began with how much time will be needed for the presentation at the School Committee meeting on September 17, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Sean Doherty, the representative from the School Committee assured the Town Fields Committee they would have as much time as they needed to make their presentation.

Steve MacInnes, the representative from Oak Grove Commission stated that Oak Grove Farm will be moving forward with building two new soccer fields in upper field, behind the farm house. When these fields are complete, it would assist in allowing other fields in Town to “rest”. Townspeople are complaining about the status of the fields, so the opportunity to rest them would be good.

Jim McKay brought to the Committee’s attention the thought that David Baker may be thinking about a citizen’s petition for this upcoming November’s ballot for turf field, with a track and facilities to be located at the Town Park.

The committee discussed centralization of the fields. If there was centralization, this entity would be in charge of scheduling fields, maintaining fields and supervising fields. The fields included would be at the Middle/High School, the Town Park, and Oak Grove Park. There is a question whether if the Department of Public Works or the Recreation Department should be the entity that takes on the responsibility of centralization, if they need to go to the legislature in order to change ownership of these properties.

Jim McKay stated that the Department of Public Works has spent in excess of \$36,000 for field maintenance and the Recreation Department stated that they have spent approximately \$25,333 in expenses for field maintenance. Part of the Recreation Department’s expenses did go to purchasing two back stops for the baseball and softball fields.

There was discussion about meeting with Conservation Commission to see if at the Middle/High School Brook Field area would be able to have a culvert put in in order to create more fields.

At the School Committee meeting, Wayne Carlson's survey will be mentioned pertaining to the culvert.

A portion of the presentation will cover which fields the committee has looked at in Town, there are different standards for different uses of fields, budgeting, scheduling, who has priority of field use. (For example: schools?, recreation dept.?, outside entities?), and what the perception is within the Town of using School fields.

Motion made by Jim McKay and seconded by Brutus Cantoreggi to accept the meeting minutes of June 24, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Brutus Cantoreggi and seconded by Jim McKay to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan K. Vara