

Town of Stonington Athletic Field Improvements Oversight Committee

KICK OFF MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2012 @ 6:30 PM @ Stonington High School

- The Director of Public Works, Joe Bragaw began the meeting by introducing the consultant for the all weather field project, Milone and MacBroom (M&M). The project leader for M&M is Vince McDermott and their engineer is Dan Kroeber.
- Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves and said what their involvement was for the meeting. There was members of the Oversight Committee, town staff, political leaders, coaches and parents and students in attendance
- Joe Bragaw provided an overview of the project schedule. He said that the design had to be done by March 1. The Town was then going to advertise the job in March and look to start construction by May 1, 2013. The construction should take 4 months so the field should be ready by September 1st (if all goes well).
- With construction starting by May 1st, all sports and the HS graduation will not be able to be on the Palmer Field. The BOE was going to make alternate plans for this schedule
- Mr. Bragaw mentioned that the grass field work would happen in the fall of 2013 but that they were concentrating on the all weather field at this point as it will be the first to be constructed
- The meeting was then turned over to Vince McDermott from M&M. Mr. McDermott first asked about the expected uses of the new all weather field (what sports we will be looking to play). There was a lot of discussion and it was agreed that it was sold to the people as an all inclusive field for football, lacrosse (men's and women's), field hockey and soccer although this would be a secondary field for soccer as they will still have their two grass fields on the Spellman complex.
- Mr. McDermott then asked what lines should be incorporated into the carpet. He mentioned that the one sport that does change their dimensions from time to time is women's lacrosse. He heard that they might be changing their field sizes again soon so he will keep us abreast of what is going on with that sport. Otherwise, it seemed to be the consensus to have as many permanent lines as possible to minimize maintenance and to have the field more ready to go for any sport.
- Mr. McDermott began discussions on types of turf and infill that are available. He mentioned that we need to decide whether we want a turf that you play on the fibers or more on the infill. He discussed alternative infills and then there was further discussion. It was agreed that this topic needed more discussion at the next meeting

- The public was offered an opportunity for comment.
- It was agreed that some decisions needed to be made at the next Oversight committee meeting on January 4, 2013 at 2:30 at the Stonington High School

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm