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Town of Stonington Athletic Field Oversight Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held January 4, 2013 @ 2:30 pm at Stonington HS. In attendance were: J. Bragaw, K. Donovan, S. Grimes, M. Crowley, L. DiCesare, L. Sullivan, V. Riley, P. Sartor, J. Mendonca, B. Morrone, A. Morrison, E. Haberek, and B. Sternberg. Absent: B. King.

The items discussed were as follows:

1. M. Crowley motioned to approve the minutes for the Kick-Off Meeting held December 19, 2012. The motion was seconded by Paul Sartor.
2. Status Update on Athletic Field Project:
 - a. 8 ft. Test Pits were dug in mid-December. The results were good with the North end having even better results than the South end. A survey has been performed and Larry Sullivan, Town Engineer, has a copy.
 - b. The consultant is actively working on the Preliminary Design with soccer being the biggest field and track events in the D-zone being the driving force for the design.
 - c. The Inland Wetland Commission approved the lay down area for the loam to be excavated from the football field. Only the lay down area has been approved, no other permitting is in place for any other work that might be done in the future. There is a 15 day public comment period after the approval before work can begin and stumps can be removed.
 - d. The consultant is scheduled to submit the preliminary design in late January.
 - e. Soil samples a few inches below grade were taken before the snow and have been sent to UConn for analysis.
3. Design Elements to be decided at this meeting:
 - a. What sports are we looking to play on the all weather field? *Soccer, Football, and men's and woman's lacrosse and soccer*
 - b. What lines on the field should be permanent? *Football, Men's Lacrosse (to be decided January 15th), Soccer, Field Hockey. Women's Lacrosse undecided.*
 - c. Where do we want ball safety netting – end zone, partially on the sides or on all sides? Sleeves only? *In the base bid we want sleeves on the side and all*

around the field. Netting should be 15' high between the D zones and end zones. Additional netting can be put in as an add/alt to the contract if funding is available.

- d.** Will the D-zones be track surfacing or turf? *Paved with track surfacing.*
 - e.** Should the high jump event be in the DZone adjacent to the common finish line: *South End Zone.*
 - f.** Can the runways for the long jump and pole vault be shortened to the minimum of 130 feet? *Yes.*
 - g.** Do we want the placement of the soccer end line to be 2 yards in front of the football end line per NFHS? *Yes.*
 - h.** Do we want a source of water near the field for cleaning purposes – not for drinking? *Yes.*
- 4.** Design Elements that were discussed but not necessarily decided upon:
- a.** Do we wish to have one color turf or alternating panels? *Alternating colors if it doesn't cost more and doesn't limit us in the turf selection.*
 - b.** Will there be a logo in the center of the field? If so, what do we want? Colors? *There will be a large brown S with a white border.*
 - c.** Are new goal posts part of the project? Do you want them to be permanent in concrete or adjustable? *Can we re-use what we have? Would like the base bid to be for re-using existing poles and an add/alt for new poles.*
 - d.** What on-field communication equipment will be required: *Would like power on both sides using electric hand holds around the 50 yard line.*
 - e.** Will field furnishings – pylons, team benches, etc. be purchased outside the construction contract? What do we have already? What is their condition? *Further discussion required. It is felt that these items should not be in the contract.*
- 5.** Discuss Turf & Infill Selection:
- a.** What will be the process for the selection of the turf vendor? *Further discussion will be required with a decision in perhaps 2-3 weeks. Discussion of scheduling an additional field trip to see the fields in East Lyme, Cheshire, possibly Durham, and E.O.Smith in Storrs. Will target the trip for Friday, January 11, if the snow melts.*
 - b.** Three Issues – Environmental, Heat, and Playability. *J. Bragaw requested an independent assessment on the effects on stormwater of the proposed synthetic field by Bob Russo, a well respected soil scientist who is typically consulted by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Commission. A copy of the assessment was forwarded to all the committee members via email prior to the meeting. Mr. Russo spent a few weeks looking into this matter and checked a lot of resources, and his findings were that the water released to inland wetlands and watercourses will not have an adverse affect. After*

further discussion of the three issues with information presented by P. Sartor and others, it was decided to have J. Bragaw request the consultant prepare a written analysis of alternative in fill materials asking which material is a better field to play on – pros and cons of each, the comparative cost of each, and the G Max rating of each.

6. The meeting closed at 3:58 p.m.