## Town of Stonington Athletic Field Improvements Oversight Committee HALD

Meeting Minutes

Wed July 17, 2013 @ 5 PM @ SHS Library

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<u>In attendance</u>: Voting members- Ed Haberek, Sandy Grimes, Mike Crowley, Paul Sartor. Also, Joe Bragaw, Van Riley, Mark Friese, Bryan Morrone, Lou DiCesare, Joe Mendonca, Bill Strenberg.

Not in attendance: Voting member, Alisa Morrison.

## -Meeting called to order at 5pm

- 1. Update on Palmer Field:
- -Bragaw reported this portion of the project is on schedule to be completed as planned for mid Aug 2013 in time for fall sports practices.
- 2. Update on estimates for proposed improvements on softball, boy's soccer and "old" field hockey fields:
- -Bragaw reported that we expect to have some preliminary revised cost estimates for the development of these fields by the end of next week. The new design will include substantial fill and redesign of dugout areas, fencing supports and ADA access, not previously planned. Home plate will be moved forward 5ft and raised approximately 2.5ft to allow the field to be sloped/graded to the outfield to solve the current flooding issue. The original plan of cutting the outfield to achieve the required grade is not possible due to the discovery of unstable subsoil (trash/fill) just 2-3ft below the surface of the field in some locations.
- 3. Discuss and take action on the request by SHS Athletic Department for funds needed for purchasing athletic equipment for use on Palmer Field for Fall Sports.
- -Cost savings will be realized by NOT reducing the height of existing fences along the softball left/right field lines to 4 ft, but rather leave them as is. Joe B. reported softball regulations require minimum height of 5ft. Also, MMS field fencing will be 4ft along sides and 12ft at ends.
- -Motion made by Haberek to immediately allocate up to \$7,500.00 of fields project bond money to purchase athletic equipment to support Palmer Field fall sports: specifically including, but not limited to, soccer and field hockey goals.
- -Seconded by Grimes.
- -Passed unanimously: Haberek, Grimes, Crowley, Sartor
- 4. Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.