

Field Turf Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from 2-1-16

Attendees:

Gino Cresta (GC), Chair

Matt Leahy, (ML) Vice Chair

Scott Faulkner (SF), Secretary

Thomas Younger (TY), Town Administrator

Peter Spellios (PS), Selectman

John Trippe (JT), Member

Mark Routzohn (MR), member

Sean Quirk (SQ), Member

Josh Field (JF), All Blue Foundation

Melissa Caplan (MC), All Blue Foundation

7PM meeting called to order by Chairman Gino Cresta

Meeting minutes for 1-25-16 meeting will be distributed at the next meeting, 2-8-16

Chairman GC recognized SF and requested an update on the All Blue Foundation's fund raising efforts. SF, also a member of All Blue Foundation, gave a brief history of the Foundations efforts, from Town Meeting in May of 2015, until now. This update included the design, construction budgeting as well as an update on the fundraising efforts.

GC, after a quick review of the budget costs felt that there was savings to be realized on at least 2 line items. Demolition and score board. The committee decided to follow up with these items at a later date

PS suggested the committee, while going through the process, try and include any potential upgrades to existing structures on the site. Specifically the field house and food booth. TY pointed out that these structures are under the School Committees jurisdiction and probably should be handled outside the scope of this committee.

Discussion turned to the turf field itself and TY asked if other manufacturers could supply the Envirofill to make sure there is competitive in pricing. The committee was unsure of the answer and SF offered to confirm.

PS offered to reach out to the Conservation Commission to identify any possible regulatory issues that may come up.

Much discussion on how to choose a designer for the project. The committee feels it is prudent to create an RFQ (request for qualifications) and interview 3 to 5 firms. It was decided to have an RFQ completed by the end of February and actual interviews to happen on March 14th and 15. Firms to be included in this process will be identified at the next meeting, 2-8-16.

JT reported on his visits with Winthrop and Gloucester. Both towns have had issues with their projects and it is this committees intent to learn from and avoid the same problems. PS suggests we expand this concept to several other towns with like projects. All Agreed.

A brief discussion was had concerning maintenance for the field and what equipment, if any, should be purchased for that purpose. More discussion to follow.

The concept of renting the field to produce income was discussed with the biggest question being, "what will that added use do to the life expectan. This question will be answered as we go through the interview process with the design firms.

Next meeting 2-8-16

Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM