Minutes of Fields and Ground Meeting October 12, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:01

Present: Mr. Moran, Mr. Hathaway, Mrs. Whiteside, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Franklin, Also Dr. Rabinovitch, Mr. Rich Boucher, Mr. Anthony Scarsciotti, the last two from the Westfield Study Committee

The minutes from the meeting of 9/9 were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Mr. Moran presented a list of the school managed fields, as well as who uses them. A discussion of the use of Spillane Field followed. Members discussed the possibility of field rotation, and how to accomplish that.

Mr. Kelley and Mr. Hathaway presented a power point presentation of all the fields and playgrounds previously listed by this committee. A copy of this comprehensive review of the fields and grounds will be forwarded to Mr. Mark Andrews. The presentation included several photographs of each field, as well as a suggested list of improvements for each venue.

The committee will begin the task of prioritizing the repair of all fields and grounds, with the aim of creating a five year capital plan.

The representatives of the Westfield Study Group presented their position on the upcoming Town Meeting Articles. They explained that the committee had heard a wonderful presentation, and were unanimously in favor of looking to have senior housing built on the larger of the Westfield properties.

The F and G committee members held a spirited discussion about their individual positions on the Westfield articles. After discussion Mr. Franklin moved and Mr. Moran seconded two motions to vote Further Study on the Town Meeting Articles.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 8;30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov 9, 2010, at 6PM, at a place in Town Hall to be determined.

Respectfully submitted

Judith Whiteside, Secretary