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**Athletic Fields Task Force Public Meeting  
Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 6:00 PM  
Human Services Conference Room**

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Present: Paul Sartor, Barbara McKrell, Bill King, Van Riley, Richard Ward, Michael Crowley, Sandy Grimes, Jim Sullivan, George Crouse

Mr. Sartor called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

**I. Budget**

Ms. McKrell reviewed the existing budget in regard to the All Purpose Field Contract. There are issues with the project that are being worked out between Attorney Brian Estep and the Surety Bond Insurance Company (see item II). There should be enough money within the existing budget to finish the All Purpose Field.

**II. All Purpose Field Contract**

Statement from Brian Estep, Attorney, Conway Londregan, Sheehan & Monaco, P.C.

*"The Town of Stonington has formally placed the Surety Bond Insurance Company on notice that Aquaturf in default and terminated its right to complete the job. The Town also advised Aquaturf under the terms of the contract that the Town was terminating the contract for failure to perform. The Surety Company's consultant is reviewing the status, obtaining estimates and contacting the Town's architect to proceed with completion of the project."*

Ms. McKrell stated there are two options:

1. Aquaturf will complete the job. The Surety Company's consultant is looking into if they can finish the job.
2. Aquaturf will give back to the Town all the money they have already been paid. If this is the case, the Town will have the full amount back and put the project out to bid.

Some discussion was made about the existing issues with the field and whether or not it can be used at this time. Mr. Crouse believes at this time the All Purpose Field is not a critical field and it would be unwise to jeopardize proceedings between the attorney and the Surety Company which are currently working on the issues.

No Action Taken.

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**III. Basketball Traffic Barrier**

Discussion about what types of barriers could be used. A wooden barrier is being considered. The Highway Department could do this in house.

No Action Taken.

**IV. Parking Improvements**

Additional parking spaces are needed. If there is money left in the budget, this issue will be addressed. People have been parking on the grass. Mr. Crowley suggests that memos should be issued asking people not to park on the grass but to use designated parking spaces. The Public Works Department will be putting posts in along the road which should deter parking.

No Action Taken.

**V. Work Complete**

- Palmer Field: No issues with the Palmer Field. Mr. King stated that the field is kept clean and is inspected daily. Mr. Ward suggested someone to Mr. Riley and Mr. King to continue daily checks on the field throughout the summer.

No Action Taken.

- ADA Handicap: ADA accessibility is a high priority for the lower fields. Mr. Scott Deledda is leading the effort with designs to bring the area up to compliance.

Mr. Crowley asked if bleachers are needed at the soccer field.

No Action Taken.

- Lay Down Area: The Lay Down Area has been completed. Without changing the current wetland permits only 1/3 of the area can be mowed. Mr. Grimes made a motion to have the Public Works Department or the Engineering Department apply for a permit to use the entire space. Mr. Crowley seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved.

The Athletic Fields Task Force respectfully asks the Town for an inland wetlands permit to use the lay down area as grasslands.

- Maintenance Program for all Fields: Ms. McKrell stated that all the work is being done in-house by the Public Works Department.

No Action Taken.

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- Softball Field: Ms. McKrell informed the group that a piece of equipment is being purchased in order to care for and groom the infield and warning track. The Public Works Department is checking with the coaches to see what the users prefer as a mix on the field. Taking care of the entire space and applying the necessary mix can all be done within the current maintenance budget per Ms. McKrell.

No Action Taken.

Mr. Sartor concluded the meeting at 7:05 PM.