

# Town of Stonington Athletic Field Oversight Committee Meeting

## August 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held August 15, 2014 @ 8:30 A.M. at Stonington Town Hall. In attendance were: P. Sartor (via phone), M. Crowley, E. Haberek, J. Mendonca, B. King, L. DiCesare, F. Hoffman, P. Moran, B. Morrone, A. Morrison, K. Donovan, W. Greene

Meeting convened at 8:00 A.M. by P. Sartor.

The items discussed were as follows:

1. Project Updates: McKrell gave an overview of the projects to date.
  - a. All Purpose Field: Aqua-Turf has installed the drainage, the irrigation and is in the process of finish grading the topsoil in preparation of installing the sod next week. The chain link fence and netting system is scheduled to be delivered and installed the following week. Once the fencing, netting and guiderails are installed the disturbed areas will be hydro-seeded.
  - b. Practice Field: The irrigation heads are being adjusted to new grades and sedimentation control system is being installed.
  - c. Basketball Courts: The basketball courts have been surfaced and lined with the exception of out of bounds area being increased in width. The backboards systems are in place but are being modified for acrylic backboards, which are scheduled to be in place by the end of the month. Some sort of fencing was recommended to be placed around the entire basketball court area. The Committee requested DPW to investigate different options and obtain costs to allow them to make a final determination of best fencing option.
  - d. Softball Infield: The infield mix was tested by Read Custom Soils and it was determined that it did not meet the specification for the project pertaining to the clay content in the soil. DPW met with Read Custom Soils and they made the recommendation to replace our native infield mix with an engineered soil. This product is \$85/ton while native soil (current soil) is \$40/ton. Material cost for the field would be approximately \$17,000 and labor \$10,000. B McKrell will refine costs, located contractors to complete the work and contact RAD about the

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existing soil not meeting the contract requirements. Committee agreed to change the soil to a better product and will wait for final cost determination.

2. Budget:

A handout of the estimated budget as of August 15, 2014 was distributed and discussed. With the prices for the proposed change orders for the All-Purpose Field project in place and the final cost of the basketball courts nearly finalized the estimated remaining funds available for the priority projects is becoming more accurate.

M. Crowley requested DPW obtain costs from Contractors to regrade, seed and fence if needed the current laydown area to ensure our costs are accurate.

3. Remaining Project Priorities:

a. ADA Ramp: W. Greene reported that there are currently no requirements to make the fields accessible with a walkway. However, if a walkway is installed it must be installed to meet all ADA requirements. Therefore, it must be engineering before it is constructed to meet certain specifications. Committee made a determination that they would like to investigate the installation of a walkway. B McKrell will determine if we have existing topo survey of the area that could be used to design a walkway and proper locations. B McKrell noted that this design work might need to be completed by a consultant because of current workload of Town Engineer.

b. Storage Sheds: W. Greene reported that upgrades to the proposed sheds would be required to meet building code requirements. It was determined that the plans for the buildings should be modified and stamped by the suppliers engineer and K Donovan will submit the plans and locations to Planning Department to obtain their approval. B McKrell requested that the buildings within the areas that DPW maintains the grass they have at least 2 foot clear around the perimeter to allow easier maintenance of the grass. Upon approval from Planning DPW will work with K Donovan to determine foundation required for Town locations.

4. Miscellaneous:

K Donavan reported that all weather field seams are ripping. He will take the lead to get this repaired.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.