

**TOWN OF GRANBY
ATHLETIC FIELDS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2013**

PRESENT: Ronald Durej, Jim Sansone, and Jim Lofink. Ben Perron and David White arrived at 7:23 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Stewart, CR3; B. Scott Kuhnly, BOS Liaison, and Dr. Patricia Law, GMHS Principal

Chairman Durej confirmed a quorum and the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the December 18, 2012 special meeting.

ON A MOTION by J. Sansone, seconded by J. Lofink, the Committee voted (3-0-0) to approve the minutes of December 18, 2012 as presented.

Review result of 1/7/13 BOS meeting:

Chairman Durej reported he attended the January 7th Board of Selectmen Meeting and had an opportunity to explain to them that all three bids for the Athletic Fields Project came in over budget.

The Board of Selectmen suggested Town Manager Smith bond up to an additional \$300,000 for contingency. The Selectmen voiced their concern that there is no contingency built into this project and asked if there are any other funding sources that can be tapped for this project.

Review items previously identified for deletion:

Chairman Durej provided a handout showing revised costs as discussed at the December 18th meeting.

- The track was discussed and a less expensive alternative can be used. It was noted this alternative surface may be slippery when wet, but not to the point that it would be a safety issue. It is a good product for a high school track. The longevity of the 200 track versus the 300 is about a four year difference. The Committee agreed that the 200 track is acceptable.
- FieldTurf – Prestige turf is one step down from the Revolution, which is what has been looked at so far. The Prestige turf is acceptable to the Committee.
- Lighting at the entrance will be reviewed again later. Could the town do some of the lighting work for a savings?
- Grandstand remains at seating for 750. Some of the niceties were removed.
- Press box is gone, but a press area remains.

- Fencing – some has been removed.
- There will be some soil removal and shifting of soil to other locations on site.
- Landscaping – remove the plantings and keep in the fine grade and grass/seed portion.
- Signage was removed.
- Paving – there is a reduction in the area to be paved, which will provide a savings. This is not reflected on the spreadsheet.

John Stewart reported Dave Whitney and Kevin Clark, Town of Granby Engineer were at the high school, while the town was digging test holes for soil samples. The soil in the field area is good, but a layer of silt was found. Mr. Stewart commented this could easily be worked with. Because the soil is good for natural drainage, this creates a savings on materials that won't need to be purchased for a drainage system. Because this information was reported tonight, this savings doesn't show on Chairman Durej's spreadsheet.

Where the Port-O-Lets will be placed was discussed, how they might be screened from view, and if there will be a walkway to them.

The Committee feels that with the modifications agreed on, the project is now closer to the budgeted project amount. Mr. Stewart will proceed to finish the specifications with the changes. They should be ready by next week and all addendums and updated prevailing wage information will be obtained to be included with the revised paperwork.

It was asked if it is expected that the project can still be done on time and Mr. Stewart indicated it probably could be, depending on the winter and spring weather. The contract can be worded so that the track and fields need to be ready for play by August 1, 2013.

Expected time line for the re-bid is: Mr. Stewart will have the plans, etc. done by January 17, 2013 and give them to the town. This re-bid information will be provided to the three companies, which previously provided bids. They will have one week to modify their original bids based on this new information and submit them to the town by January 24, 2013. The Committee will meet on January 29, 2013 to review the bids and hopefully award the contract. They will then move forward to finalize all plans, have value engineering done, and be ready to start the project by March 1, 2013. It was noted that change orders can be done if and when it is necessary.

Chairman Durej will speak with Eric at FieldTurf to let him know the changes agreed on by the Committee, so that an accurate proposal can be given to the town.

Dr. Law commented that if it is at all possible, she would like to see the removable fencing for use between the softball field and the discuss area, be added back into the project.

B. Perron asked about "wish list" items that could be brought before the Board of Education. This list includes: an additional storage shed at the north end of the fields; a POD(s) of some sort for storage underneath the grandstand; a concession stand; softball safety fence; and additional funds to put toward the purchase of a scoreboard. Mr. Perron will approach the Board of Education to see if there are funds available for any of these projects.

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The January 15, 2013 meeting is cancelled. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 29, 2013. Confirmation and an Agenda will follow at a later date.

Adjournment

ON A MOTION by J. Lofink, seconded by R. Durej, the Committee voted unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Christian
Recording Secretary