



**PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
 Merrimack School District  
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Minutes  
 December 12, 2011

Present: G. Perry, S. Heinrich, R. Hendricks, F. Rothhaus, L. Rothhaus, and School Board  
 Liaison G. Markwell

Excused: D. Powell

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:36 P.M.

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of November 14, 2011 as corrected.

Second: G. Perry. MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 - 0.

**Recording Meetings for Cable**

R. Hendricks requested that this item be tabled until D. Powell could be present. Members discussed the possibility of taping meetings for television when there is a Facility Naming request.

**Athletic Facilities Report**

Members shared information each had obtained about various school/town fields.

Field	Built	Number of Fields/Turf Type	Track?	Usage	Maintenance/Life Expectancy	Additional Comments
Stellos Stadium	2001 Recently upgraded: \$750,000 including \$200,000 grant from NFL.			All three Nashua high schools + Nashua youth sports.	Fields expected to last 8+ years.  Received a grant from the NFL to build.	*Field is very hot in summer. *They find sprinkling the field before a games keeps the heat down. *BG pays 15% of maintenance costs.

Governors Academy, MA	The baseball field was the least expensive to build. The Rectangular was the most expensive to build. Initial construction cost: \$1 million	1 Football 1 Baseball 1 “rectangular” (used for soccer & lacrosse)  Medium height turf	Yes, but not around the football field		Takes less time to maintain than grass, but needed to buy special equipment. Life expectancy of fields: 12+ years as they are only minimally used.	Baseball field is very hot in spring...
Exeter High School						These fields are rented by NHIA.

Members discussed the content and format of the report. Members felt that more information about each field is still needed before the report can be finalized. It was suggested that information comparing each field be included: type of turf, maintenance cost and other issues, usage, and life expectancy. In addition, members noted a need to learn more about the current condition of, and suggested repairs for, the track.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

Due to quorum issues, R. Hendricks announced that the meetings on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> were cancelled and suggested meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. By consensus, members agreed. R. Hendricks noted that after January 30<sup>th</sup>, the Committee only has meetings scheduled on February 13<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> at which it needs to finalize its report for presentation at the March 19<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting.

**Update on Projects**

R. Hendricks told the Committee that he would follow up with Sullivan Construction regarding costs for heat and lights for the new Superintendent’s office project.

L Rothhaus made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: S. Heinrich. MOTION PASSED.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich

