



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Minutes

October 11, 2016

Present: R. Hendricks, S. Heinrich, S. Sheridan, G. Perry, F. Rothhaus and School Board liaison A. Schneider.

Excused: L. Rothhaus

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

C.I.P. Update

A. Schneider told the Committee that the Administration had presented the C.I.P as recommended by the Committee to the School Board and the School Board had approved it after moving the Athletic Field out one year to 2021-22.

Report on Turf Fields

R. Hendricks shared a proposed template for the report on turf fields requested by the School Board.

Suggestions and comments from members included:

- Add columns for “Lessons Learned” and “General Comments & Advice”
- Schools or Fields to include: Bedford High, G.P.S. in Bedford, Litchfield/Campbell High, Manchester Central and West, D.M.A. in Hudson, Souhegan High, Derryfield School, Lawrence Academy, Hampshire Hills, and Stellos Stadium in Nashua.
- G. Perry will contact D.M.A and L. Rothhaus will contact the N.H. public schools.
- Other areas to consider when determining cost of field were location of visiting team bleachers and if team letter or logo was part of initial turf installation.

Additional Athletic Field Location Possibilities

R. Hendricks shared the town athletic field report on field needs. He said the report suggests that 1 full sized soccer field, 3 rectangular field and 1 adult baseball diamond were needed for a total of 4 acres of land plus 1 acre for parking.

Members discussed town owned land that could possibly be used for additional fields: DPW garage, Horsehill Nature Preserve and a parcel in the Robin/Eagle/Falcon Road area.

Members reviewed school owned land possibilities:

- Timmins: Members were concerned about the cost to clear the land, noting town water was no available to the site. G. Perry will talk to the forester who is doing some work on town lands. In addition, members had concerns about parking and access to a field.

- Merrimack Middle School (Buker): There is an area at the top of the site which was noted as a possible elementary school location but which might be considered as a potential field; however, members had concerns about parking, what size field could be built and field development costs.
- Thorntons Ferry School
 - There is already a field next to the “upper” parking lot. This field does need to be upgraded. There appears to be sufficient flat land near this field for at least one additional field and additional parking with access onto Continental Boulevard.
 - Some of the TFS land on the other side of Continental Boulevard has been “promised” by vote of a School District Meeting to the town for a possible fire station and the rest may be wetlands. These situations would need to be researched.

The Committee plans to present its report at a November School Board meeting.

R. Hendricks reminded the members that the next meeting was on October 25th.

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

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Sincerely,

Pat Heinrich