

**Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee  
Seymour Middle School – Media Center  
11/24/2014  
7:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Jack Liedke, Paul Sponheimer, Sean Walsh, Ed Strumello, Jay Hatfield, Bill Paecht, Nicole Klarides-Ditria

**Members Absent:** Theresa Conroy, Tim Sadick

**Others Present:** Jim Galligan of Nafis and Young Engineers, Inc., Rob Koskelowski Jr., Rick Belden

Seymour Deputy First Selectwoman Nicole Klarides-Ditria introduced herself to the committee and stated that First Selectman Kurt Miller was out of town and asked her to communicate to the committee his comments for the evening. She stated that Jack Liedke would serve as acting secretary until election of officers.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Nicole Klarides-Ditria.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

None

Election of Officers:

Bill Paecht made motion nominating Nicole Klarides-Ditria for committee chairperson. Paul Sponheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Nicole Klarides-Ditria abstaining.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria nominated Jay Hatfield for committee vice-chairperson. Bill Paecht seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Jay Hatfield abstaining.

Jay Hatfield nominated Jack Liedke for committee secretary. Bill Paecht seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Jack Liedke abstaining.

Assignment of Charge By First Selectman:

Deputy First Selectwoman Nicole Klarides-Ditria addressed the committee on the First Selectman's behalf. She thanked the members for their time. She assigned the charge of committee responsibility to oversee the exciting project of replacing the athletic field, press box and bleachers at Seymour High School in accordance with DEEP grant of \$1.985 million. Committee will also need to determine cost of annual maintenance and what cost of replacement of field will be when useful life of the field is completed. Committee will also need to determine plan for uses of the facility.

Open Discussion:

Chairperson Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated that she hopes the project will be completed by fall 2015.

Bill Paecht asked if the DEEP grant for the project is to cover engineering costs. Chairperson Nicole Klarides-Ditria confirmed that the grant will cover engineering costs.

Paul Sponheimer asked about which part of the project was to comply with the ADA requirements. Nicole Klarides-Ditria responded that there were various areas including the press box. Rick Belden mentioned he can retrieve a previous audit report related to ADA deficiencies and communicate them to the committee at a future meeting. Sean Walsh mentioned that the committee should be sure to know recommendations versus mandates related to suggested improvements.

Paul Sponheimer raised the question of exactly which improvement are covered by the grant and if press box was included. Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated press box is included.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated that the committee needs to establish a meeting schedule for the committee. Ed Strumello made a motion for committee to meet the first and third Thursday of every month. Jay Hatfield seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Secretary Jack Liedke will submit calendar of actual dates to town clerk's office.

Jay Hatfield made a motion that next meeting for the committee will be Thursday, December 4, 2014, at 7:00pm at Seymour Middle School Media Center. Bill Paecht seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ed Strumello asked who would manage the field. Bill Paecht responded that the Board of Education would, as they do now for the field.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria thanked Jim Galligan from Nafis and Young for attending. She stated he could speak to general aspects of the project as his firm has conducted several field projects, including the Oxford High School turf and stadium project. Jim distributed various materials demonstrating pictures and building plans of projects they have completed. He also spoke about various considerations including possible set up of bleachers for ADA access, potential options and costs of replacing the stands and general cost estimates for site work and the turf itself. Jim also spoke about the construction process. Sean Walsh addressed the scope of work and stated that athletic field work is assumed to be inside of track. He suggested that contract for work address any damage that may occur to track during construction. Jim indicated that language could be included for that. Jim stated that there is existing drainage around the field currently and any new turf system could connect to existing drainage system with only minor additional work involved. He suggested that to protect the track, a trench drain around inside of track should be installed. He spoke about needing curb near track to do nailers for the turf. He mentioned that the project could be completed in five months from assignment of contract to first attended event. He stated that some of the grandstand project could be done concurrently with the athletic field work. He also suggested having separate contracts between field and grandstand work. He also suggested using local municipality cooperative for the bidding process as there are potential cost savings

possible by using it. Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked Jim to make specific recommendations for the committee's next meeting.

Jay Hatfield stated that the committee should know at our next meeting what our process for selecting an engineer is, stating that town counsel should be able to advise on the selection process.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated that next steps for the committee are determining who the engineering firm will be and start and end dates for the project.

Adjournment:

Bill Paecht made motion to adjourn at 8:11pm. Jay Hatfield seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Liedke  
Committee Secretary