

**MINUTES**

**Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 5, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Seymour Middle School Media Center**

**Members Present:** Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Sean Walsh, Jay Hatfield, Bill Paecht, Tim Sadick, Paul Sponheimer, Ed Strumello, Theresa Conroy, Jack Liedke, Paul Roy (Alt.)

**Others Present:** First Selectman, Kurt Miller, Rick Belden, Asst. Superintendent of Schools, Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director, Maryanne DeTullio

**ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Jay Hatfield.

**ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM #3: Public Comment**

Rick Belden stated that he submitted some correspondence for consideration from Field Turf, surface specialists. He stated that it contains analysis of existing condition of the track. Public Comment was then closed.

**ITEM #4: Approve minutes from January 29, 2015 special meeting**

Motion to approve minutes from January 29, 2015 special meeting.

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Sean Walsh

Vote: 9 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Motion to seat Paul Roy as a regular member for this evening's meeting.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Ed Strumello

Vote: 9 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria arrived at the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and took over chairing the meeting. Paul Roy was no longer seated as a regular member.

**ITEM #5: Discussion and take possible action on selection of architecture/engineering firm**

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated that the Committee met with three firms and opened bids from them. She stated that reference checks were done on the firms. She stated that she spoke with someone at West Haven High School who used the WBA Group and Nafis & Young. They were happy with the end product and had minor issues. She stated that Oxford High School also used Nafis & Young and also had some minor issues but the project went well and they were happy with the outcome. She stated that Trumbull High School Athletic Director was happy with everything. She also spoke with a Board member from Old Saybrook High School who used Luke McCoy and they were very happy and stated that they were always able to get answers to any questions or concerns they had. She stated that Uxbridge High School in Massachusetts used the same company and their project was completed on time and within budget. She stated that they recommended taking more soil samples.

Mr. Hatfield stated that he spoke with the Region 19 Superintendent of School stated that he was not there for the completion of the project and they had a little trouble with the contractor. They used Milone & MacBroom and were very satisfied with them. Mr. Walsh

stated that Milone & MacBroom put on a very impressive presentation. They have a lot of credibility and experience and are a large firm.

Theresa Conroy stated that Milone & MacBroom did a great presentation. She stated that she liked how Nafis & Young would handle the project. First Selectman Miller stated that Milone & MacBroom were very motivated and had call him prior to the presentation. Mr. Roy stated that the advantage of using Nafis & Young is that they worked on the fields before and are familiar with the layout. Mrs. Klarides-Ditria stated that the most important thing is to get this done once and make sure it is done correctly and quickly. Mr. Strumello brought up the matter of ADA compliance and it was noted that the project will have to be done according to state requirements for ADA compliance.

Motion to hire Nafis & Young as the architecture/engineering firm for this project.

Motion: Paul Sponheimer

Second: Bill Paecht

Mr. Belden pointed out that the work that was done previously on the fields is still in good shape.

Motion to move the motion to a vote.

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Jay Hatfield

Vote: 9 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Roll Call Vote on the Motion to hire Nafis & Young:

Jack Liedke – No

Paul Sponheimer – Yes

Tim Sadick – Abstain

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Ed Strumello – Yes

Sean Walsh – Yes

Bill Paecht – Yes

Jay Hatfield – Yes

Nicole Klarides –Ditria – Yes

Vote: 7 – Yes

1 – No

1 – Abstain

**ITEM #6: Forward architecture/engineering firm recommendation to Board of Selectmen for contract**

Motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to hire Nafis & Young for this project.

Motion: Jay Hatfield

Second: Bill Paecht

Mr. Paecht stated that a contract needs to be developed and the Town Attorney will work on that. Mr. Belden stated that the Town Attorney will draft the contract and will need input from the First Selectman and this Committee.

Vote: 9 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

**ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action on clerk of the works**

Mr. Paecht stated that there has never been a clerk of the works on any projects before and he would like more information on what is entailed in this position as far as their responsibilities and function. He also stated that he would like more information on what the expense would be for that position.

Motion to table to the second meeting in March to get more information on this matter.

Motion: Ed Strumello

Second: Sean Walsh

Vote: 9 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

**ITEM #8: Committee member comments**

Mr. Sponheimer asked if the bleachers had to be done right away. Mr. Roy suggested having the Town Attorney look at the contract from the State as to what has to be done and in what order.

Mr. Walsh stated that he would like to amend the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting that when the questions were being directed to the engineering firm that he was adamant that should have been done in Executive Session.

**ITEM #9: Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Sean Walsh

Vote: 9 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

**Submitted by:**

**Maryanne DeTullio**