



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE DOVER HIGH ATHLETIC COMPLEX MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Facility Tour
Meeting Location:	Dunaway Field at Dover High School
Meeting Date:	Tuesday February 6th, 2024
Meeting Time:	4:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Dover High School Athletic Complex Joint Building Committee was called to order in the gym at 4:05pm and then moved outside to the Dunaway Field complex.

II. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE:

Present were Fergus Cullen, Linnea Nemeth, Michelle Clancy, Craig Flynn, Ronan O'Doherty. Ernie Clark was excused.

Also present were C&W Services Manager Mike Brooks, Recreation Director Gary Bannon, Principal Peter Driscoll, and Athletic Director Peter Wotton. High School Track & Field coaches later joined.

Also present were Deb Cram and Ian Lenahan from Foster's Daily Democrat.

III. PUBLIC FORUM:

Dr. Cynthia Walter attended the facility tour. No formal comments.

IV. OVERVIEW OF EXISTING DUNAWAY FIELD FACILITIES:

a. Discussion on the age of facilities:

- i. Majority of facilities were built in 1968, with some updates occurring throughout decades since. Bleachers' foundation is original from 1968, with refinishing done in 1990's.
- ii. Lighting was installed in 1968. Discussion on the technological improvements that have been made since this time that would allow for less light pollution and efficiency.
- iii. Scoreboard is also obsolete, with it being the only one of its age left in New England.

b. Drainage and Runoff Discussion:

- i. Improving drainage appears to be the biggest opportunity in the facilities.
- ii. Baseball outfield could use improvements to solve for runoff and excess water.
- iii. If possible, being able to solve Bellamy Fields drainage would be advantageous.
- iv. There will need to be more information available on the "marsh and ravine" behind the visitor bleachers to understand if land is usable or will be needed to maintain runoff.

c. Storage and Extraneous facilities:

- i. Consensus on being able to consolidate the numerous "sheds" into 1-2 storage facilities to visually clean up exterior as well as better preserve items.
- ii. Discussion on ways to include restrooms and concessions within new bleacher development.

d. Sponsorship Discussion:

- i. There is Athletics Funding available from a donation from Steve Towne to consider for the project.
- ii. Bring in Boosters to help pay for the final pieces of the project, ie the "nice to haves".
- iii. Current bleachers have sponsor plaques, it would be nice to save and incorporate these into the new facilities.

e. Specific Field/Facility Notes for Consideration:

- i. Having a fence around the track to minimize overuse.
- ii. Increasing number of lanes on the track to allow for more hosted events (6-8).
- iii. Replace dugouts on the baseball field.



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V. IDENTIFY NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:

Plan to look at 2-3 nearby facilities TBA (St. Thomas, Exeter, Portsmouth, Oyster River, UNH) on 2/16 at 3pm.

The next meeting date will be held on Tuesday, February 20th at 5pm.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Michelle Clancy moved; Ronan O'Doherty seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 pm. **An oral VOTE PASSED 5/0.**