



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE DOVER HIGH ATHLETIC COMPLEX MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Conference Room 305, McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**
Meeting Time: **5:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER 5:00pm

II. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

- a. Fergus Cullen, Linnea Nemeth, Craig Flynn, Ronan O'Doherty, Michelle Clancy. Ernie Clark joined at 5:19pm.
- b. Staff: Gary Bannon and Rick Conway (Parks & Rec), Peter Driscoll, Morgan Lyon (C&W Facilities Director)

III. PUBLIC FORUM

- a. Jim Vershuren 102B 6th Street - Strongly opposed to artificial turf due to two major reasons; injuries and environmental hazards.
- b. Cynthia Walter W Concord St - Comments with requests to the JBC, presented handout on concerns with artificial turf.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting – March 14, 2024. C Flynn made a motion to approve, with a second by M Clancy. Approved 5-0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Guest speaker: Discussion with Ron Lavoie, retired Supervisor of Athletics Facilities at UNH & longtime Dover resident - Presented advice on items to consider:
 - a. Retired from UNH 3 years ago, and previously at Pease for the golf course development.
 - b. 2002 UNH installed first synthetic field. Turf is less maintenance but not maintenance free. Currently has 5 synthetic fields.
 - c. Need to do inspections, sweeping, and run a magnet to pick up debris. G-max testing done once a year. Testing costing roughly \$1,000.
 - d. Durability and availability is a big consideration for fields. Able to use their fields 12 months out of the year.
 - e. Question from Fergus on Maint Staff: 3 for fields/track/open grass, team was part of the Grounds/Events Crew. Budget unsure as it was bundled with campus grounds.
 - f. Question from Fergus on if reversing course was ever considered: No.
 - g. Question from Craig on if perceived more injuries were occurring: No. There were injuries, but not asked to check turf specifically for concerns.
 - h. Question from Michelle on replacement disposal: Contractors hauled it away. Noted that low bid turf didn't hold up well on one of first fields
- B. Field Trips: Discussion of member visits
 - a. Note that photos are posted on Dropbox & available to the public
 - b. Plymouth (grass) by Linnea Nemeth - Football field is only used for games in the fall,



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- needs the full spring/summer to recover. Use PSU fields as backups and considering turf for their other multi purpose field.
- c. Londonderry (grass) by Ronan O'Doherty and Ernie Clark - Walked the site, did not meet with anyone. Have up to 13 fields.
 - d. Windham (grass) by Ronan O'Doherty and Ernie Clark - Multi field complex.
- C. Note: Recorder stopped at 5:40 due to full memory. L Nemeth started recording on an alternate device and will try to upload.
- a. Manchester Memorial (synthetic) by Ronan O'Doherty and Ernie Clark - There was great lighting and accessibility.
 - b. Con-Val (grass) by Fergus Cullen - Older facility, grass very spongy.
 - c. Bedford (synthetic) by Fergus Cullen - Impressive facility with great accessibility. Very busy on Saturday afternoon. City owns a synthetic field across the street.
 - d. City of Manchester / Derryfield Park / Trinity High (synthetic) by Fergus Cullen - Has a softball and football combo turf field.
 - e. Craig noted he is planning to visit Governor's Academy in MA. This is an organically managed natural grass field.
 - f. Discussion to make time to visit more grass in their actual playing season.
- D. RFQ status update:
- a. Issued March 22, responses due April 5
 - b. Recap non-mandatory site walks conducted 3/27 & 3/29 as part of RFQ. Fergus, Craig, and Ernie gave a tour to the firms.
 - c. Firms that responded: Activitas Inc, CHA Consulting, FieldTurf, Harriman, Huntress Sports, Tighe & Bond, Woodard & Curran, Warrenstreet Architects
 - d. Discussion of review process & next steps: Contract negotiations will be a non-public to protect our bargaining position. Will need to consult with legal on how to handle interviews.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. M Clancy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by R O'Doherty. Motion passed, adjourned at 5:59pm.