



**DOVER SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE DOVER HIGH ATHLETIC COMPLEX MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Meeting
Meeting Location:	City Hall, Council Conference Room, second floor, 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, July 23, 2025
Meeting Time:	5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:32pm.

II. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

- a. Present: Fergus Cullen, Linnea Nemeth, Craig Flynn, Ernie Clark, Ronan O'Doherty.
- b. Absent (excused): Michelle Clancy
- c. Staff: Peter Driscoll, Morgan Lyon, Ken Mavrogeorge, Dr. Christine Boston.
- d. Consultants: Jason Lambert, Matt Walsh, John Deloia (Eckman), Joe Perschino and Neil Hanson (Tighe & Bond)

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- A. July 15, 2025 regular meeting - Ronan made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Craig. Approved 5-0.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT - No report presented.

V. PUBLIC FORUM - Seeing none, the public forum was closed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Eckman reviewed their take on timeline and budget constraints. The goal of a field ready for game play at the start of the Fall 2026 season may not be realistic. The major challenge is that the track will be completed after the field, and track construction is more weather-dependent and includes lengthy curing times for asphalt and surfacing. Some demo and site work could begin in the Fall of '25, and then likely stop in the height of Winter due to the amount of fill and earthwork needed. Discussion included whether site work could start around the first of October, November, or December. The school is counting on being able to use the football field this fall, so the earliest work could begin is probably November, then resume in the Spring. It is also possible site work will need to wait until the Spring. If sod is installed on the multi-sport field, it would need to be installed by around September 1 to have a full growing season and be playable for the Spring season in 2027. Sod installed later than that would put use of field in doubt until Summer 2027.
- B. School district priorities: School leadership confirmed they need Dunaway for the Fall 2025 season, but are not expecting to have use of the baseball field in the Spring of 2026, allowing site work to begin on both fields in late Fall 2025. Consensus that the facilities staff cannot be left homeless during this process; the new building will need to go up so they have a space to move to before the existing building is torn down.



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- C. Needs and wants: Consensus that a game-ready Dunaway will need the field, track, and grandstands complete. It would not require lights or the bathroom/concessions building to be complete.
- D. JBC is looking for ways to bring down the total cost in reviewing maintenance building design, lights on multi-sport field, size of bleachers, playing surface on multi-sport field, and new parking lot.
- E. Maintenance building discussion included level of customization, engaging the architects from Banwell, and timeline of construction.
- F. State permits: Alteration of Terrain permits are on track for submission in the coming weeks with approvals expected in October. These permits are needed before site work can begin.
- G. City permits: Process begins with the Conservation Commission and Technical Review Committee in August.
- H. Consideration of, and possible vote on, extending consultant agreements
 - a. Tighe & Bond - Proposal still being developed.
 - b. Eckman – Proposal received, committee took no action.
- I. JBC will do field visits for carpet & field infill types and track surfaces individually and break out the attendance/assign owners.
- J. Acknowledging that moving forward, a fixed meeting schedule will be needed.

VIII. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATES/TIMES

- a. A lot of approvals and decisions for bids will need to take place in the next month. Tighe & Bond to start developing list of base items.
- b. Committee will meet Wednesday August 6th at 5:30 p.m.

IX. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- X. **ADJOURNMENT** - Ronan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Craig. Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.