

Minutes of Fields Committee Meeting October 2, 2014 6:00-7:50 pm

Attending: Kathy DuPont, Mark Hreben, Gary Keilty, Tim Sniffen, Lenny Reay, Tom Donegan, David Erb, Milt Wright, Greg Durgin

The goal is to get the dugouts built and the fencing and backstop done before November and winter weather arrives.

Dugout preparation has been done for concrete to be poured soon (scheduled for October 4 weather permitting).

Mark met with a rep from Hammond Lumber and received a quote on material for the dugouts that included a donation from Hammond in the amount of \$600.

Local contractors have / will be approached for donated services regarding building the dugouts.

Tom received sealed bids for fencing that will extend to protect players in the dugout area. Kevin McLaughlin (Manchester) will be installing fencing.

The access road upgrade (approved by Planning Board) is on hold pending amount of donated dollars remaining after dugouts and fencing installed. Possibly a culvert could be put in before the whole access way is fully upgraded.

Lenny volunteered to do prep work for the new gate to be installed this fall to prevent vehicle access to the field before the field is operational.

We plan to look into the use of the playground funds approved at last year's town meeting as a source of potential income.

We agreed that all work done to get the field ready should be in line with budget expenses.

Tom to speak with Kevin M. about installing the gate.

A question regarding hunting came up. Hunting (shotgun only) is currently allowed on the fairgrounds property. Any change in that designation would have to be a warrant article on the town meeting.

The wood that is currently stacked on the property is town owned. It falls under the fuel assistance policy and anyone seeking fuel assistance can make an application. It cannot just be given away.

Conversation regarding long term maintenance, approved use, and governance of the completed field continued from our last meeting. Those topics are on our radar. Having reps from Conservation, Trails, and Rec committees along with a contractor at our meetings is invaluable in this process. The priority now is to get the field ready for a dedication and first pitch / first game next spring.

Future use of the dirt piles on the property from trails and ball field construction is an on-going discussion.

There will be a dedication of the new trail that extends from a current trail onto the school property and ends at the RSU 38 Superintendent's office is scheduled for late October. The plan is to have the ball

field be part of that “tour”.

Our next meeting will be held in November. Topics included but are not limited to:

updates on completed projects from October

maintenance/governance

outfield fencing

balance of existing donated funds

fund raising

next project

other

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Durgin