

MINUTES
AVON HIGH SCHOOL SYNTHETIC FIELD PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE
AVON ROOM TOWN HALL BLDG. 1
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM by Chairman Peter Ponziani in the Avon Room, Town Hall Building 1. Subcommittee members present: Chairman Peter Ponziani, Todd Donovan, Sara Roberson, Dan Neagle, David Magrini and alternate member Kelly Jackson. Members absent: David Jadovich and Donald Droppo. Staff members present: Assistant to the Town Manager Grace Tiezzi, Director of Operations Myles Altimus and Recreation & Parks Director Ruth Checko. BSC Group's representatives present: Vice President Kurt Prochorena and Landscape Architect Jesse Harris.

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – Jun 13, 2016

Mr. Ponziani called the meeting to order – the June 27th meeting of the Avon High School synthetic field project subcommittee special meeting. First order of business are the minutes from the preceding meeting. Are there any corrections or changes to those minutes? Hearing none is there a motion to accept the minutes? Mr. Donovan motioned to accept, Mr. Neagle seconded. Mr. Ponziani asked all in favor? Unanimous ayes. Mr. Ponziani said minutes of the preceding motion are approved. He continued that as we have done in previous meetings what I'd like to do now is to turn the meeting over to our distinguished experts here this morning and there is a great deal of materials that they provided to us last week and hopefully everybody's had an opportunity to review them. Gentlemen, the floor is yours.

III. FIELD RENOVATIONS PROGRAMMING DISCUSSION

Mr. Prochorena said thank you. Good morning everybody. He said he was Kurt Prochorena with the BSC Group and Jesse Harris the Landscape Architect. He continued so a few goals for today's meeting: we're going to give an overview of the project, a layout, talk about some of the components. Mr. Ponziani asked to interrupt a second, we do have a couple people in the audience here and would it be possible maybe to just turn this sideways a little bit. Mr. Prochorena asked how about if we went over there? Mr. Ponziani said yeah, that would be good. Mr. Magrini said thank you. Mr. Prochorena said Jesse would point out and yes you had the same exact diagrams in your meeting packet. He continued so a few goals we're going to go over: the general scale and scope of the project that you've been talking about in the past meetings with Eric, we want to look at the updated cost estimates – your meeting packets include revised cost estimates from those that were in the packet that got emailed out last week, typical we were tweaking some things, please use the cost estimates that are in the meeting packet that we handed out today. Jesse maybe you can just grab one for me. We'll go through those. We want to talk about the alternates so we have our base project and several alternates we want to talk about. He continued and then really the goal of today's meeting is to have you vote on the concept. He said this is really a transitional meeting where if you vote to approve the concept, and again we are not voting to approve details just the concept of what we're going to talk about, this meeting will then transition us into the detail design phase or what Eric has been calling, design development. So then our next meeting will actually

have a plan set, a set of plans as opposed to just a diagram that we'll start going over all those detailed elements of the project. So we've already gone over some of the details, for example, we talked about the turf system, which is great, quite often those things don't get talked about until the next phase so we're actually in some of those elements we're ahead of the game. But, he continued, today's meeting is really a transitional meeting where you're going to vote on the concept and now allow us to move into that detail design phase. So what we'll do is go through the layout and again you'll follow along on the diagrams. This is what we're calling modified Concept A, from previous, previous nomenclature, we have our main field, track and the secondary. On the main field we have an eight lane running track going around the field and we've already talked about some of the materials of construction for that track but again we won't get down in those details, we'll confirm that later on. The main field has been configured with a large runout – 10' Jesse – yes, which is great for soccer, a lot of fields unfortunately don't have the room so there is a very small distance between the inside edge of the track and the outside of the soccer field. This is a great situation, you gotta nice far runout that soccer really enjoys, gives you a lot more flexibility and safety. We have a couple of retaining walls because the site transitions in topography. We have two retaining walls, again we'll confirm the details of those walls but we envision they'll be segmented concrete block and we'll talk about during design and development specifically what they look like, what size block, what colors. But in concept, two retaining walls, a new stair system that we're putting in to replace the existing stairs, which will transition down to the side will be a nice feature. The retaining walls because they're probably going to be segmented block in some areas because they do need to have some reinforcing material to tie the wall back, so the earth is trying to push the wall over so there is some geotextile fabrics or geo grids that are used. That's why you'll notice on your plan you have a little area of the parking lot that we actually have to replace. That little area gets taken out to allow the geo grids on the high part of the wall to be placed and those actually anchor the wall back into the ground, very common, very typical construction technique. But if you're wondering why we're messing around with the parking lot, that's why.

Mr. Ponziani asked if we lose any spaces. Mr. Prochorena said you do not, it will be put back exactly like it is today with new pavement. He continued you'll also notice to the southeast portion of the field we depicted a fence there. That fence is actually not included in the project but we wanted to make sure that if in the future that needed to get put in between the baseball field and the main field that it fit, that it was workable, so I just want to point out that the fence is just shown to make sure that if you go it is not part of the project right now. We also have a new, right at the north, a new entrance, and vehicle accessible entrance to the field, a gate and then a roadway that loops down and the reason it kinda snakes a little bit is to maintain a suitable grade, that's to allow maintenance vehicles down to the field, your ambulance for football games and those kinds of things. Additionally, we have a little, see one, two, three, four spots you see there in concept – that's for your portapotties could go for events, that way there not down by your concession stand, it's easily accessible by the trucks that need to come in and service those, pick up, drop off, etc.

Mr. Prochorena continued and again right now it is a 10' wide walkway, it is handicap accessible, which is critical. Buffering: at the southern end of the field you notice on your diagrams we're carrying a fence, I know there's been a lot of talk about buffering, critical part of the project and again we'll get into the details of that once we move into design development. Right now we're carrying a cedar fence that's what's carrying the cost estimate, that could end up being a

combination fence and plantings, just plantings, just a fence, but we want to carry something in there just to show that it's critical that we put buffering down there. We'll talk about the details in subsequent meetings, specifically what we want down there.

Mr. Neagle said I don't see anything down there West Avon Road for buffering. Mr. Prochorena said yeah, the existing vegetation is being left and is my understanding that there was no buffering specifically included down there. Mr. Neagle said it was 100% inaccurate buffering required and in fact Eric said that plantings generally don't make good buffering along that side so it needs to be addressed. Mr. Prochorena said absolutely, ok. Mr. Neagle said it's something that I and several other people bring up routinely, routinely gets forgotten. So we have to make sure that that gets addressed. Mr. Prochorena said absolutely and again that could be a fence combination, fence and plantings, quite often we use fencing, we use plantings to soften the look of the fence so it doesn't look like a highway barrier. So those things can be, can be easily worked out in the design development phase. Ok, so we'll add buffering along the. Mr. Magrini said and that would include obviously the removal of what's there. Mr. Prochorena said yes, and that's something that we would look at for example if there are some mature trees there that want to be preserved, we can go in there with a very detailed approach, we wouldn't just use kind of scorched earth, that there are things we want to preserve, quite often folks want to preserve things like mature trees or whatnot we can work around all those features, yeah, absolutely, even include things like selective pruning if there's trees in there that needed to be cleaned up to allow us to put in the new buffering if we needed to get more light down to the ground level to support plantings or whatnot, yep.

Mr. Prochorena continued and the last feature on the main field are your track events: shot put to the north, pole vault to the south, long jump, triple jump, high jump at the north and it's my understanding that is it javelin it's offsite, in the main field we have the discus. He continued and that's really the main, the main complex with the track and the field.

Mr. Harris said he wanted to bring up we do have the lacrosse safety netting around the entire perimeter of the field. One thing we want to make clear to everyone is that it is within the safety zone the 10' runout and the 30'' safety zone of the track lane just to be aware of it, doesn't preclude you from participating in any regulated events but it is a safety concern, so just wanted to make that clear to everybody and it's not a system that's easily erected and put down by a per game basis. Mr. Prochorena said that's the key and that's why we wanted to bring it up, that right now we have that 10' run off but if we put in the lacrosse netting there will be times where that netting is there within that 10' buffer and there's obviously poles that get put in to support the netting so there could be times where you have soccer practice or those things without netting, we just wanted you to be aware that then you theoretically wouldn't have a 10' runout like Jesse said because it's fairly high netting if you've seen it before, it's not the kind of thing that you're going to put up on game day or take down or hey there's a practice and put the netting up, it could stay there for longer periods of time. Mr. Magrini said right it can go up and down because in the fall you're not going to have lacrosse. Ms. Jackson said so it goes up in the beginning of the spring season and comes down at the end. Mr. Prochorena said it's not like a backstop, it's absolutely does come down and goes back up. Mr. Neagle asked if it still gives vision from the bleacher side without the obstruction from the netting, you still get the opportunity to use the track without people worrying about getting hit with lacrosse balls or soccer balls and things like that so personally I think that

works. Mr. Prochorena said fantastic, ok great. He continued and asked is that everything I have Jesse?

Ms. Roberson said she has a question: this is a brand new walk down here closer to the neighborhood, no go in the back, go to the far baseball field. Mr. Prochorena asked down here? Yes. She continued where's that, why are we walking people out there when's there nothing but behind the baseball field and homes. Mr. Prochorena said yep, I think that's there to get access to the baseball field area back here. Ms. Roberson continued but you have a walkway the whole way I mean I'm just questioning we don't have anything there now. Mr. Donovan said there's no walkway there it starts from the end of the bleachers to the south all the way around to the baseball field. Ms. Roberson said yeah. Mr. Prochorena said I think that's there to provide handicap access to the baseball field. So down here you feel that this may not be needed? Mr. Donovan said that's not needed, they were going to access the field from the top and come down, just like it is now. Mr. Prochorena said it's a detail we can easily work out. Mr. Altimus told of an access road near the parking lot which is how we get the equipment down there to maintain. I think that that looks like it may be the replacement for it, I'm reading the map right. When you put in the new stairways there's no longer an access point to get into the baseball fields. Mr. Prochorena said by putting in that stair we're cutting that off, is that correct? Mr. Altimus said I think that's where that is. Ms. Roberson said there's already a stair there and you have an access road. Mr. Altimus said he moved the stairs. Mr. Prochorena said that is correct, that existing stair system is getting replaced with a new stair system and it sounds like by doing that we may be cutting off. Mr. Donovan said keep it in that same footprint, still going to have the same access to the baseball field as you do today, we didn't want to cut any of that off. Mr. Altimus said as long as (inaudible) and I may be in the wrong place, it looks like it got. Ms. Roberson said when you come down the stairs there's an access road at the top that road right there that if it remained as is just leave it in then you don't need a walkway behind the track closer to the homes on Sudbury and you don't need that 5' behind because that's just encouraging more people back in there. Mr. Prochorena said that's certainly a detail that can be worked out in the design development stage. Mr. Donovan said there's another access road down to go to the maintenance facility you can access, that's on top, that's not shown on here. Ms. Roberson said we're talking right up here, goes right to the top of the baseball field, there today. Mr. Prochorena said as long as you can get to that field we don't want to cut off access to the field, and the nice thing is adding it, removing it walkways are fairly inexpensive it's just bituminous pavement so it's not a big ticket item if you will even just taking out segments of it, that's a design pretty readily addressed. Any other questions on the main field for discussion?

Ms. Roberson noted the 5' fence, is there the potential to go higher, I know it's a detail but while we're here. Mr. Prochorena said absolutely, pretty typical though around a field to have fencing that, but yup, you could really go any height that you wanted to, obviously there's a cost implication there, but absolutely. Ms. Roberson continued I guess I'm talking about the fencing that's right there near the neighborhood Sudbury Way that's what I'm talking about. Mr. Prochorena said yes, absolutely. Ms. Roberson continued I think 5' is my height, I mean it's actually smaller than me. Mr. Prochorena said yep, it's a cost issue, one of the things we've also done is a combination of berming soil and then putting the fence on top of the berm and you can actually landscape the berm so it kind of creates an optical illusion that the plantings at the berm soften the look, so the fence is actually, say if you're standing on the ground, the fence is actually 8' in the air, we'd have to make sure we'd have enough room, yep there's a lot of options down

there for what can be done, absolutely. Ms. Roberson said ok. Mr. Prochorena continued that that's the kind of thing where even as a committee we could take a site walk as you get into the design phase, logistically we could make that happen and we could all literally go out there, we've done that in the past. It's great to see something live right out there with different plans out there in the field, so that's something we certainly be willing to do.

Mr. Prochorena continued so the secondary field is actually one of our alternates we'll talk about that when we get in to the cost estimating. Field hockey field also for men's and women's lacrosse, it is regulation size for field hockey, we're using the same right now, same turf system on this field as for this field. Ms. Jackson said we had discussed that for the field hockey field, to use the shorter field turf, the shorter pile the same type of field turf but shorter pile which is actually less expensive and better for field hockey and it's fine for lacrosse and that's a cost you know not substantial but it is better to play on a shorter field turf so if you could just put the cost estimate to that. Mr. Prochorena said sure, sure, yup, and it's my understanding that you absolutely are using a shorter pile turf because of the issue with the SBR crumb rubber, the system that Eric has talked about here is using a resilient pad, and again we're getting into details, but that's ok, resilient pad with a shorter pile turf on both fields. What that does for you, is if this SBR crumb rubber issue goes somewhere and there's new data that comes out and says you have to get rid of it you have to get rid of it, we can remove all of that material from your field and then whatever material comes out whether it's a pure sand system or something, we can put it back in and your field will still perform which is key gmax and all those things because we've used the resilient pad with the shorter pile. Many fields, not field hockey, but many fields use a taller pile and they rely on the crumb rubber to achieve a lot of the performance characteristics of gmax and whatnot. In that case if something ever happened and all that crumb rubber needed to be removed, then you have to be really, really concerned with what went back in to make sure that you're achieving all the gmax and whatnot because again you're relying on that infill for that. In your case because we have a resilient pad under the field, that is giving us the performance and those things so that's why Eric keeps calling it the failsafe system because if that ever happened, you guys are in great shape, you can pull that stuff out and put something in, and your field will still perform to whatever standards, gmax and those kinds of things. And by the way, we're talking about a coated SBR rubber, again I know it's a detail but, acrylic coated rubber which is really, really common a lot of fields are using that now, nobody's really found a replacement for the crumb rubber that kinda meets everything so they've gone to this coating system which seems to be working out fairly well. So that's the secondary field, that's an alternate, Jesse maybe you mentioned about the lacrosse.

Mr. Harris said so on the men's lacrosse it'll be 30' short and the women's will be 60' short from regulation size. Mr. Donovan said that was only going to be a practice field. Mr. Neagle added practice field and youth sports, youth sports use this field almost, I don't want to say exclusively, use it all the time and that should be striped for at least for girl's lacrosse for the spring as well. With that you would need to add netting or a higher fence on the end lines. Must. Mr. Prochorena said ok. Mr. Donovan asked what's there now. A little 4' fence, Mr. Neagle said errant shots go into the entrance way and into the fire station especially with the lack of space behind the goals not so much an issue with field hockey but certainly for the youth lacrosse program. He continued I would say maintaining the 4' fence on either side works. Ms. Jackson added on the lower, long ends. Mr. Donovan asked if it should be a 10'? Mr. Neagle said he didn't think it needed to be 10', 6- 8' but there's gotta be something there or netting or netting's probably a pain in the neck

at least 6' permanent, probably 8'. Mr. Magrini said we'd probably want to maintain the same buffer on West Avon Road, you want buffer here. Mr. Prochorena said yup. Mr. Neagle said that's a lights issue. Ms. Roberson said it doesn't hurt, it's a smart thing to do while we're here we might as well do, I agree with you 100%, great idea. Mr. Prochorena said ok.

Mr. Prochorena said let's talk about alternates, so that's the overall program that you're going to be voting on today. So essentially 4 alternates: on the main field lighting is your alternate, simply shown here in concept only 4 lighting units, clearly that would be worked out as we detailed the design for photo metrics, very well defined process, for light in the field all the light levels are very well defined, the lighting systems that are out there so right now it's the concept of field lighting, main field bleachers are the other alternate on that field, and we'll go through the estimates to talk about those, the north field that we just talked about in and of itself is an alternate and the last alternate is the lighting for that field, so 4 alternates in the project. Mr. Magrini said so the base estimate then to which Mr. Prochorena continued will include all of the conduits and handholes, so for some reason lighting did not end up getting included in the project, we will include all the conduits and all the handholes so at such time you did put the lighting in, those systems would be in place, you wouldn't need to dig things up, we would already in concept identify where we're going to draw power from and those kinds of things we strategically place the handholes so when somebody came through to pull the wires and whatnot, all those facilities would be in place, we would even get to the point where we conceptually would locate the poles so we'd make sure we run the conduits to those areas, as the contractor installs those facilities, all that gets documented as to where it is, it's all capped, all the pole ropes and everything are put in so that way, the lighting does get deferred those systems are ready to go for you. Mr. Magrini asked and that's at 2.6. Mr. Prochorena said correct. Jesse you can grab a cost estimate. One thing I forgot to mention, apologies, PA system. I know that that's been discussed, that's not included in the base bid but again the conduit, pole boxes and everything for that are included. PA systems are interesting, the old concept was make them as loud as possible right, big speakers, the new systems are there's a lot of science behind the new systems, smaller, lower intensity speakers, more numerous speakers, there are specialty vendors, you know that's what they do. Because of the concerns with buffering and whatnot, that's the kind of system as you look to the future, should be factored into your system. Ms. Jackson asked if he had a cost estimate for that, you could get us. Mr. Prochorena said we could give you conceptual costs for that, we could reach out to a couple of vendors and kind of get some ballpark numbers. Ms. Jackson continued you know all of this is great but if you know the fact is we are in a residential neighborhood with Sudbury and West Avon and Fox Den, I mean just to see because right now it's just basically blaring noise all over, you know, and just to see what the cost would be, incorporate this in that, that would be great I'd just like to see what that would be. Mr. Neagle said I think it needs to be included because the existing system is horrible, some form or fashion I understand there's a wrinkle if you do the bleachers, the new bleacher alternate comes in that if affects the sound system and so it's almost like a base bid should have I think a PA system and then an upgrade if the new bleachers are installed or an allowance or carry an allowance in the bid. Mr. Prochorena said it does and ok and the beauty is we could use the alternates to get pricing and alternates are great because then it's the kind of thing where we can test the market and get some bids in.

Ms. Roberson asked is that really an alternate, it's not. Ms. Jackson said I don't think so. Mr. Neagle said the base bid it needs to get incorporated into the base bid, I misspoke if that's the way

it came across, there should be a PA system included in the base bid with the existing bleachers. Mr. Prochorena said with your existing bleachers. Mr. Neagle continued and if there's a bleacher upgrade theoretically an upgrade to the sound system because the layout and everything (inaudible) or I say you carry an allowance in the bid documents where you tell all the contractors to carry \$40,000 for sound. Ms. Roberson said right.

Mr. Magrini said which brings us up to another question do we have a flag pole at the field today? Mr. Donovan said in the circle, Ms. Jackson said in the middle of the front of the school in the round. Mr. Ponziani motioned to Mr. Altimus to speak. Mr. Altimus said one question on the alternates: there was a storage building on previous documents for storage for all the new field equipment and things like the lacrosse nets and things like that and that's not on here right now and is that something that should be here? Mr. Donovan said I don't know, that would be something we'd potentially put in later, that's one of the things we decided right? Mr. Ponziani said yeah part of it also depended upon what bleachers would go in it too as there was some potential for some storage under bleachers as well. Ms. Jackson said if we were going to do the bleachers with the back open there was going to be an opening where we were able to like at the end of season I guess leave them on the field during season but store them off season under the bleachers, that was something we had discussed part of to be incorporated in if we were to do the bleachers, so. Mr. Altimus said if we don't do the bleachers I also have a concern about all this new maintenance equipment that is coming to be in the field and a place to store that, I mean it doesn't have to be right there, there's space you know on the back of the practice fields, back where the ceiling is. Mr. Ponziani said so there's no room to store any of this equipment at present. Mr. Altimus said we are pretty much maxed out on storage you know with the maintenance equipment we have now. Mr. Donovan asked on the school premise right now. Mr. Altimus said it was spread throughout the school premise, it's spread throughout the district, we have garages at each location but that's also workshops and things like that so we're pretty much and we have a piece of the MH Rhodes building, but we don't have too much more space. I mean I'd have to take a look at how big this stuff is but I think we're going to need some storage space, for the maintenance equipment. Mr. Ponziani asked do you know how much space we would need for the equipment that we. Mr. Prochorena said we could certainly work up some numbers, you know you'll have the I think, Jesse, is the gator included with the grooming? Jesse said typically yes. Mr. Prochorena said the tow behind, we could certainly work up some numbers. Mr. Altimus continued if we don't get the new bleachers then there's going to be some additional field equipment as well, that's the lacrosse nets you're talking about, we don't have those now. Ms. Jackson said the field equipment doesn't change. Mr. Altimus continued so things like just if we get the new bleachers I understand that's all fine but the new bleachers as an alternate then we don't go with that, I don't know if there's a place to just put a placeholder in for it or have (inaudible). Mr. Donovan said it could be an option for it. Mr. Prochorena said some folks have purchased prefabricated buildings right that get brought in, just dropped on a skid, it doesn't have to be anything really fancy, quite often it doesn't even need power, just to keep your equipment out of the weather, something that can be locked. Mr. Donovan asked if you know if the scaffolding is still in that building on site. Mr. Altimus said they took it all down, I think we've gotten rid of it, there is some still MH Rhodes, I'm not sure if it's ours or the town's, the scaffolding we don't use anymore. Mr. Donovan said I understand, I'm just, somebody donated that to the town so I would kinda recommend that we don't throw that away. Mr. Altimus said that's before my time, I'll look into it but that's as I say we don't use the scaffolding anymore we may have. Mr. Donovan

said we buy scissorless now for that. Mr. Magrini said we should at least reach out to them, they are moving. Mr. Donovan said yep. Mr. Magrini said see what they want to do with it. Mr. Donovan said that was donated to the town, just can't be thrown away.

Mr. Prochorena said we could look at some potential square footages of what we would need, and that way we can determine is there some existing space available and kinda work out that number balance to see what our net requirement is. Mr. Magrini said to your point it would be pretty foolish to go to this expense and not have a place to store everything, it's not an option to not be able to store. Mr. Donovan said or if we put up a nicer building than what's by then, I agree with you, (inaudible) another building out there would probably suffice for that. Mr. Magrini asked where. Mr. Donovan said the top of the baseball field, there's that rundown shed. Mr. Ponziani said we should check to see what kind of space you do have. Mr. Altimus responded we're I can tell you we're maxed out and we're all kind of trying to get other storage spaces as well as equipment changes and things like that but yeah, look into it and I just wonder if we should just have a placeholder if we don't need it we don't need it, I think we're going to need it for any new equipment we get. Mr. Donovan said put it in as an option and the town can always. Ms. Roberson said I'd say Planning and Zoning, that's gotta go through P & Z, cause that's what the other sheds. Mr. Donovan said we could put it as an option and have it and then have it more aesthetically pleasing than (inaudible). Mr. Neagle said there are other options ok because we're talking about the structure and erecting or bringing in a structure, but also the ground boxes that are available, they are 8 x 20 or 10 x 20 or 10 x 40 storage laid out boxes that are used you've seen them, they got double doors on them looks like the back of a trailer. Mr. Prochorena agreed look like a conex box or something. Mr. Neagle said I use them regularly and they're mobile, I mean if you have space in a parking lot you know out of the way, they can be put there, if you're not satisfied with that location, move to another location. He continued so there are other ways to make it solve the storage problem, I'm surprised the school hasn't taken advantage of that yet. Mr. Altimus said he was not tied to any particular solution, I use the conex boxes too I know the athletic departments get their conex box, I just want storage, I don't, I'm not tied to a particular building or model or anything like that. Mr. Neagle said I don't know if I'd put the gator in there but some about the extra turf material, the extra infill material, stuff that you're actually not gonna go after a lot, and that's been taken down for the winter, they're going to be spending the whole winter in there, they're not going to be coming in and out, so, um. Mr. Donovan said so some could be billed as an option to the town, hopefully it's going to be the town decision.

Mr. Prochorena continued so we can run some numbers looking at square footage it sounds like we should assume that there's no storage available right? in other locations. Mr. Altimus said correct. Mr. Prochorena continued so that's so for the gator and the equipment, we would need to cover that somehow in the project. So we can look at, we'll start looking at like a pre-fab building type option, that's usually the least expensive, permitting wise those tend to be the most straightforward because they don't have power or those kinds of things, they're basically just on skids, on a crushed stone pad, again you're just really trying to keep it out of the weather, as long as it's secure so nobody breaks in and damages the equipment, so we'll look at that and report back on both the size and the cost of it.

Mr. Prochorena continued so those are the four alternates, looking at the cost estimates, pull those out, Jesse you can go through starting with the base bid, main field. Mr. Harris noted so on the

base bid on sheet 1 you have for typical site demolition items pretty straightforward we get into concrete work, which is your turf anchor curb around the perimeter, concrete stairs are in there. Equipment, we got the typical play field equipment the hurdles, the track crossing pads. Mr. Prochorena said so there's your storage items. Mr. Harris continued pylons, player's benches, so forth, turf maintenance equipment that would be the gator and the brushes required for the turf maintenance. Earthwork, rough grading fairly significant on the northeast corner, the aggregate base for the track I think we'll be taking advantage of a lot of the existing base material as we pull the asphalt up from the current track and we'll redistribute that material around. For the improvement we have a 3" asphalt base which is typical for the track modular block retaining wall, 18' 8' high between those two walls, typical fences the 4' chain link fence around the entire perimeter of the track, everything's going to be black vinyl coated for durability. In bold we have the cedar fence for the south property.

Ms. Roberson asked if I can stop you there. The original bid for the buffering was in the \$150,000.00 range and none of this includes a higher fence now nor does it include any of West Avon and you're at \$89,000.00 so I struggle with this 89 because we haven't even included West Avon and a higher fence so I just bring that to your attention. Mr. Prochorena said the West Avon is a very valid point and right now that's not included in the estimate so we'll need to look at those numbers yeah, and that's absolutely a valid. Ms. Roberson continued and the higher fencing and the berm because fencing and landscape is something that is very important to all the neighbors, thank you. Mr. Prochorena said sure.

Mr. Harris continued then can proceed down we have the coated SBR infill, synthetic turf system 2" turf system, the turf pad, those are all bold just because those are all a little bit more newer items. We have the track surfacing which is the urethane base mat system and then the typical field events in there and then the utilities we have the conduits under the field for future lighting or the alternate lighting includes the handholes, the turf boxes for the electronic timing system some field and then the field drainage and other site drainage items. And then you get the base bid there with the contingency 2.6. Mr. Prochorena said and so to clarify what's not included in that number based on the discussions today: the buffering, the additional buffering, the PA system and the storage building. So there's three items that are not right now at this moment included in that number. We'll get you numbers so we can update that but so.

Mr. Ponziani asked if you have a general sense of what the whole just an idea of what those additional costs. Mr. Prochorena said if we look at the buffering we carried was it 89?, Jesse, because of the length it's at least that because it's actually longer so we're probably a little bit north of that number, PA system that's definitely not my area of expertise but they can get expensive it's probably Jesse, could be \$40,000.00 – \$50,000.00, then the storage building I'm thinking a prefabricated you know the kind that shows up on a truck that's probably along the lines of another \$30,000.00 - \$40,000.00 potentially. He continued we're not talking about a small shed that you'd have this is a pretty good size, you know one to put the gator in and those kinds of. Mr. Ponziani said so we're looking at minimum of another \$200,000.00. Mr. Prochorena said that is absolutely yep, that's correct.

Ms. Roberson said when you talk about drainage on the south side we've had a lot of issues with drainage, does this base bid include all that, are you, are you have you read all the I'm sure you

read all, I apologize, you've read all the documentation about all the concerns of drainage, it does include all of it? Mr. Prochorena said it does include all, yes. Mr. Harris said and tying into the existing system.

Mr. Neagle asked if he could ask one more question \$94,000.00 for geotextile fabric, where's that, is that the brazilian pad? Mr. Harris said no that's under the turf itself. Mr. Neagle continued you need a fabric underneath it, under the mat to keep it away from the dynamic stone? Mr. Harris said well yeah and to keep the infill from settling through the, because you have drainage holes in the turf itself and fabric keeps the infill in the turf system. Mr. Neagle said he was surprised that wasn't part of the turf pad (inaudible) pads are modular so they come in (inaudible) so the separations goes between the turf and, ok. Mr. Prochorena said yeah and the different pad systems you know there are some that are little panels, but the geotextile is just a giant roll that's get put out and then they. Mr. Neagle interjected I didn't realize they were separate from the whole system. Mr. Donovan asked so what would be different with or without the pad, there was no geotextile, I didn't plan on that in our other bids, can we just put turf over rock or turf over a base, there was no geotextile there, now we put a pad in and (inaudible) a geotextile pad in. Mr. Prochorena said correct and that's because it's, the way the system works is different with that pad in there and the real driver is this whole SBR crumb rubber issue giving the flexibility down the road if you went with a traditional system, stone base with a taller turf pile without the pad, if the SBR crumb rubber issue comes to light and you have to pull it out that could be a serious, serious problem for you because that whole issue is in such a state of flux right now we don't know where that's going in (inaudible) so they're putting that pad in there it's giving you that flexibility to pull out that SBR crumb rubber and put whatever straight sand or whatever the new system is and still be able to maintain all of your performance, otherwise, potentially everyone with a traditional system, higher pile and the crumb rubber you would have to remove the entire system if the SBR crumb rubber ends up being a problem.

Mr. Donovan said so the turf pad is not really \$92,000.00, it's more like \$190,000.00. Mr. Prochorena said the system, yeah. Mr. Donovan continued so those two should be combined not separate because you can't do one without the other. Mr. Prochorena said correct, we just have it as a separate line item to show the detail but yeah, they go together it's almost like the turf and the infill, they just go together. Mr. Donovan said he understood, that piece we understand but to have a field without the pad. Mr. Prochorena said it's a separation geotextile that goes down. Mr. Neagle said and with the longer style turf you don't worry about that stuff migrating into it or is it the backing denser on a longer style. Mr. Prochorena said it's because we've got this up to 8" layer of stone material that's good that that kind of provides us the separation whereas in this case we would not want to put that resilient pad right down because you're not putting as much stone because we don't need that stone layer like we're. Mr. Neagle interjected because you're not putting as much stone, so, got you. Mr. Prochorena said that's correct. Mr. Neagle continued there should be some savings on that because we're not realizing in the estimate. Mr. Prochorena said sorry for not clarifying that but that is correct. Mr. Neagle said and the dynamic stone is a big, big. Mr. Prochorena said it's very expensive because it's three things with dynamic stone: very specific graining to that stone so we can achieve our proper drainage rates, so it's quite often I want to say a custom blend, but it's not as typical as just a base material or a robo base or whatever, it also has to be a specific type of stone, we have a very low tolerance for what's called loss on abrasion, it's a test that they do on the stone to make sure that it's really, really durable stone. If we use stone

that's on the soft side or whatnot as they build the field it can break down and actually break down into smaller particles and then the field won't drain properly. So we are limited here in Connecticut, limited with even where that stone can get procured from. We usually use nice hard traprock because it's a very durable stone. We've had projects where we've seen where granite and those kinds have been used and it really has caused problems. So, the stone is a little bit more than just they give me some stone so it does have a premium associated with it so yes you're not buying that stone instead you're buying the, the separation geotextile and the pads. Mr. Ponziani said so that increase by about \$100,000.00 then. Mr. Prochorena potentially, he asked Jesse does that sound about right. Mr. Harris said yeah. Mr. Donovan asked so that came out of some other place that's not reflected I'm not sure I want to buy the higher. Mr. Ponziani said I guess what you're saying if we went with the old the other system then we will have a much higher cost associated with the stone and field. Mr. Neagle said with the earthwork and theoretically would be higher. Mr. Prochorena continued yep and again that whole SBR crumb rubber issue, if you put that system in we don't know where this is going to go you're well aware there's a lot of talk about it. By putting in the pad it's a bit of insurance if you will that no matter where that issue goes, you're going to be safe you're not going to have to pull up your turf. Mr. Neagle said I think even Eric said that down the line if we have to replace the turf the pad should be able to remain, so that even going forward that if you (inaudible) that stuff you don't have to regrade the whole field to put that turf field down. Mr. Prochorena said that's correct, as a matter of fact we're doing that for Wesleyan right now same kind of thing. We're taking up a pretty old field that they didn't treat it too well there's a few little areas of the pad we had to replace but for the most part it can stay there literally to the point where you could even vacuum up the infill, set it aside and reuse it, so.

Mr. Prochorena continued so we'll get numbers on those three items for you, the additional buffering, the PA system and the storage building for the base bid and then we'll also look at those for the alternates so Jesse maybe go through the alternate estimate now.

Mr. Harris said alright so for the multi-purpose field hockey field same items again existing removal of items trees, irrigation system some minor bituminous pavement removal, we're assuming 6" of topsoil would have to be removed that will be confirmed with geotech, concrete we have a 10 x 18 notch which is different notch curb that's different from the other field and this is because we're going to place the fence post in the curb so we have to make it a little larger for that, field equipment here is just goals and benches pretty much but we'll add the safety netting or additional fencing depending which is the better option here, maintenance equipment will be covered under the base bid field project, rough grading and again the geotextile fabric here and then the topsoil replacement, bituminous pavement, chain link fences again to be determined if we want to go up to the 8' or 10' fence on the ends, we'll add that that line item in there, same turf system as the other field coated SBR rubber, turf pad, and then field drainage is stone and the perimeter pipe collector drains. Ms. Roberson asked are you going to add West Avon buffering in there too? Mr. Harris said yep we'll add that in. Mr. Magrini asked if we want to see those separate meaning buffering and fencing with this alternate field hockey estimate vs. buffering, you know, complete buffering included in the base bid. Mr. Prochorena said I think the buffering along West Avon Road we split under the bid list this doesn't get built here, (inaudible) we'll sort of end it somewhere here so I would recommend we carry that with this and then carry this remaining piece with the alternate piece because if you'll never build this you're going to save a significant amount

of dollars. Mr. Magrini said Dan is making a good point the buffering could be put in with the lighting alternate along the field hockey field. Mr. Prochorena said good point, yeah sure.

Mr. Prochorena continued so if this field got built without lighting, no buffering. Mr. Neagle said it wouldn't be needed. Mr. Magrini said there is a nice buffer there actually today. Mr. Neagle continued it wouldn't be needed, it just. Mr. Harris continued then the only alternate on this field is the lighting and we'll add the buffering requirement to that. Ms. Roberson said I'm just curious your bid's \$272,000.00 what is that based on, is it on height or is it just on number of poles does it matter the height. Mr. Harris said that's based on pretty standard height. Ms. Roberson asked which is? Mr. Harris said probably 30' or so. Ms. Roberson said 30' so that bid is based on 30' each pole? Mr. Harris said I believe that's probably I'm not sure what Eric had included but I believe that just the standard metal halide light LED. Mr. Prochorena agreed it's metal halide. Ms. Jackson said I mean honestly I mean but I think that lights on the field hockey field are overkill just because while turfing it is probably is a really good option, idea the one or two times a year, honestly we don't need, the lighting is probably I'm glad it was a separate issue cause you know, so it's 1.1 with the 15% so 1.1 for field hockey or lacrosse or whatever you call it.

Mr. Prochorena said and as an option if the committee so desired we could remove the lighting from the second field all together it's absolutely up to you. Mr. Donovan said it was never a part of this. Mr. Neagle said I think the alternate for lighting and buffering on that field should disappear. Mr. Donovan agreed don't even bring it up. Mr. Neagle repeated don't even bring it up and it may make that number a little bit more palatable to a lot and many of us are big proponents of having that field done, it's almost first option. Mr. Prochorena said it will certainly save you money. Ms. Jackson said save half a million just not do the lights and the buffering. Mr. Prochorena said ok so if that's, we can do that if that's what the committee would like to do. Mr. Neagle asked would you guys agree to that. Ms. Jackson, Mr. Donovan, Mr. Ponziani agreed. Mr. Magrini said but adding the higher fencing. Ms. Jackson said just on either side, the goal side. Mr. Neagle said and perhaps some conduit or something over to that scoreboard, I think there's wireless controls or battery operated now, that may be the alternate that they put in there. Mr. Prochorena said we always like to add conduits because wireless systems do have issues. Mr. Neagle continued I think I would incorporate something with a couple of handles and maybe some empty conduits. Mr. Magrini said we would want them to definitely hardwire that scoreboard. Mr. Neagle said yeah I think so too, that may be your alternate. Mr. Prochorena asked a new scoreboard on that field. No. Ms. Jackson said just the conduit for the electricity that's all we need out there. Mr. Neagle said just get some power there. Mr. Prochorena said ok. Mr. Donovan said yeah that was (inaudible) not us. Ms. Jackson asked the conduit or the, Mr. Neagle answered scoreboard. Ms. Jackson oh yeah. Mr. Donovan said he was retaining all the scoreboards Sue, just so you know no new scoreboards in any of these plans. Ms. Jackson said they're beautiful. Mr. Magrini said he still wants all the old baseball one taken down, nobody wants that to be part of this project. Ms. Roberson said I do, you and I thought (inaudible). She continued I have a concern on the lighting if the lighting is 30' and we're not talking let's be realistic we're not talking 30' for the field football, correct. Mr. Neagle said no, no 80'. Ms. Roberson continued so this bid number is to me inaccurate then. Mr. Donovan said you need higher lights for the smaller. Ms. Roberson continued you just said it's 30. Mr. Harris said I'm not 100% sure so I'd have to confirm. Mr. Prochorena said and that number is based on a typical high school field we've crossed checked it against other projects and talked to the vendors, that's the one nice thing about these lighting systems they're

fairly standard for these types of fields so the cost data that's out there is pretty consistent in cross projects so I think Eric has talked to a few vendors to get those numbers so. He continued and what they'll do is once the as I mentioned earlier that the lighting levels and those kinds of things are very well defined, depending on the likely dark sky standards etc., etc. they model the lighting system and that's what ultimately defines the pole height, interesting in the newer systems where the lighting is much more designed similar to the PA systems where the old lighting used to be just put a lot of lights up there and make it as bright as you can the new systems are much more engineered, there's a lot more science behind it, the higher the pole actually the better because then the light shines straight down and of course there's a break point that they calculate. In the old days you had these short poles so you had the light kinda going in more of a horizontal configuration, they've learned that by bringing the light up we can point it straight down there's much less bleed off the fields, it's very well defined.

Mr. Donovan said there's one thing I would ask is this option for the selected builders make sure we have everything underneath the field for future whatever, the conduits, the north field, conduits or whatever we need to put under there to make sure that we don't have to rip up that field again, somebody may come in and say you want lights, lights pass and then all we have to worry about is conduit and all that kind of stuff getting it around that pole. Mr. Neagle said but don't design a pole, don't design a foundation system. Mr. Donovan said no just pull boxes, just conduit to make sure that you never have to touch that field again. Mr. Prochorena said sure.

Ms. Roberson said I thought there was something about pedestrian lighting on the field, I thought we talked about there was some type of for when the lights do go out to get the pedestrians off the field is that in the lighting quote too. Mr. Prochorena said that is with your alternate for the main field bleachers, that includes the emergency lighting system that is integral with that bleacher system. Ms. Roberson continued does it say that on here, I apologize. Mr. Ponziani said let's, let's stay on track here let's finish with the north field first, we gotta get moving, so what is there is there any other, anything else to talk about with regard to the north field.

Mr. Neagle said I'd just making sure we get striping for lacrosse, girl's lacrosse putting in your design and the higher fence. Mr. Magrini said well, for youth we should stripe it for both, for both boy's and girl's youth. Mr. Donovan said we could always put. Mr. Magrini continued well great, but if we were, if that field happens then you're gonna want to have it for youth lacrosse. Ms. Jackson asked we'd use the same cert right? Mr. Neagle said you would use the same goal circle. Ms. Jackson asked for both boys and girls right? Mr. Neagle continued there's no space behind it we'd maximize it. Mr. Magrini said but you'd need fan and you'd need bucks. Mr. Neagle said correct, you do. Mr. Donovan said you could always paint it on too (inaudible). Mr. Magrini continued it's not a big expense I wouldn't think. Mr. Donovan said yeah, it's an option. Mr. Prochorena said sure and that's again a detail that can be worked out during design development Eric can give you some very specific numbers on what those inlaid lines are vs. you know like painting them on or whatnot so, absolutely on.

Mr. Ponziani asked so let's so is that it as far as the north field is concerned, ok so let's go back to the alternates on the big field now quickly, the question I had is is it possible to put in a press box without putting in new bleachers. Mr. Prochorena said great question, yes, it is possible, fairly involved because of the structural requirements we could certainly look at that, talk to the structural

engineer and find out what that would take, that has been done before. It would in a way have to be without having studied the existing bleacher system in detail, it would have to be almost a free-standing structure, that, that resided independent of the bleacher system, with its own foundations, but it, it has been done. Mr. Donovan said I've seen 'em done so that would be, so that would be free, if we didn't do the bleachers we'd want to put a press box in just for, just for that. Mr. Prochorena offered so that could be an alternate. Mr. Donovan said that could be an alternate, yes, can you put in a free-standing press box as an alternate?

Ms. Jackson asked could you just clarify for a moment under alternate 2 new home bleachers where it says demo existing bleachers and then relocating existing center bleacher, ok, the \$12,000.00 is what it would cost to if we relocate the existing just the other two that get demoed is just \$12,000.00? Mr. Prochorena said that's my understanding, yeah that you're going to salvage and relocate the center, the other two will just get demolished and taken away, and scrap metal. Ms. Jackson said and that's \$12,000.00 it just seems high that's all. Mr. Prochorena continued it's the labor with disassembly, the hauling and. Ms. Jackson continued because it seems like relocating the existing (inaudible). Mr. Neagle said they gotta take them apart to relocate 'em you know just pick 'em up. Ms. Jackson continued right, right but I mean but it's, it's almost it's one quarter of the price you just relocate the existing bleachers, they gotta pick those up and lift them too, and they're twice as big as the other two on either end. Mr. Neagle continued I'm curious if they'll let us do this whole be able to re-use the existing. Mr. Prochorena said code requirements and those kind of things if you relocate that's, that's something that. Mr. Neagle continued that may not be an option. Ms. Jackson continued I think the center one's were to code because they have the closed underneath, so if we move those over to field hockey because that can sit like seven people, you know over there you know the ones the end are open and I don't think are to code.

Mr. Prochorena said we'd gladly talk to the building official if that's ok with the committee, that's a design development next step. Mr. Neagle said let you do this work and utilize the existing bleachers. Mr. Prochorena said right, sure, we'll certainly have to meet with him maybe we can meet with him out there and, and right because if he says. Mr. Neagle said if you don't do it now your bid's shot, if they're going to make you do it, it has to be included in the base bid. Mr. Prochorena said correct. Mr. Neagle continued and then you get into the whole discussion of what bleacher. Ms. Jackson continued and that was in the last alternate right? Mr. Neagle said it would probably be the first alternate, it would have to they would make you do it it's got to go under the base bid and the alternate style would be an alternate as an open or closed. Ms. Jackson said ok.

Mr. Altimus said just for what it's worth we're having the bleachers safety inspected this summer, and I know they're not to code, the old ones they already kinda told me that. That would be a cost how much to bring them up to code is what I would get from them as well. Mr. Prochorena said oh, excellent, ok. Mr. Altimus continued it's possible its things like blocking off so you can't slip underneath 'em things like that so I could have those costs. Mr. Donovan said you'd have to have those anyways because this is not going to happen anytime 'til next year. Mr. Altimus continued right, so we brought 'em up to code it may or may not be an issue with I don't know. Mr. Prochorena said well that's great information to know what we're up against if we want to relocate and re-use. Mr. Altimus continued yeah, I think the center ones are great, I think the center ones are ok. Ms. Jackson said the center ones are fine are closed. Mr. Altimus continued the ones you

want to move the ones you want to demolish if you leave them in place they're going to need some work. Mr. Donovan said that shouldn't be anything, that's good to know but separate from this conversation, don't assume that this is going to happen because it won't affect your getting those to code because you think this is going to happen. Mr. Altimus said I'm tracking them both at the same time so I'll keep my eye on it. Mr. Magrini said I don't know but I would argue if that cost is more than 12 grand, just knock 'em down.

Mr. Ponziani said let's stay on track. Mr. Altimus said ok. Mr. Ponziani asked if there was anything else, anything else. Mr. Prochorena said we're all set unless there's any other questions. Mr. Donovan said thank you. Mr. Magrini said I do have a question on your contingencies so with the alternates, because you got contingencies separate for each of them so if we go you know home bleachers but not lighting as an example will your contingency change. Mr. Prochorena said at this point no and the reason we do that is because we're still at a conceptual level so with the alternates we kinda want to make each one of those stand alone, if you will so if one totally disappeared at this stage, no we would not change the contingency, as we move farther into the design process those contingencies will probably begin to shrink as we get more defined exactly what we're looking at.

V. COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE

Mr. Ponziani asked real quickly anything from the audience based upon what we're talking about here right now. Ok, thoughts from the committee.

IV. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Ponziani continued let's just go around, Dan let's start with you. Mr. Neagle said well, well I'll just say what I kinda been saying all along, I think that priority having been in town for almost thirty years and coaching in town for almost 15 or 16 years a variety of sports and my opinion the most important alternate is the second field, I think we should do everything we can to try to get that second field. Mr. Ponziani asked do you think that's a more important than the lighting. Mr. Neagle continued I think it's more important than the lighting I think it's more important than the bleachers because I've been involved in youth sports for a long time and that field I think opens up a lot of opportunity for a lot of kids and it may be even more inviting to the youth programs and that's my personal opinion, I think a lot of it'll be determined once, the you know if we get this thing going forward and if there's a referendum and if there's a budget and if there's all that other stuff that goes on I don't think it's going to be solved here but I think that if we could, if we can try to make it here a little bit more palatable in our recommendation I think we should and I think that Todd Donovan stated that in his email too he thinks that second field is a must no I'm sorry Don Droppo. Mr. Ponziani said alright Dave. Mr. Magrini said I would agree with my friend Dan that that second field is definitely a need especially at the youth levels and obviously for field hockey you know for all the reasons we talked about. He continued the other thing I would say is I think we have first of all this process has gone on a very very long time as we all know, it's gone further than it has in the past and you know I'm a proponent that we should build the best facility possible for our community and to me that includes everything that we have here but if we had to, we had to you know start taking things away, I would agree that the second field, the north field is very important but I do believe lighting on that, the main field and the bleachers and the press box and the storage facility to me that that's what we should do.

Mr. Ponziani asked Ms. Jackson. She began yeah I think kind of what they say you know we had an unlimited budget for the town which we do not, you know cost is a factor I think that almost everything proposed I do not see a necessity at all to have lights on that secondary field, the very few events we like to have a year under the lights can easily be done on the other field you know either a tournaments, you know state championships or spirit week. I do obviously feel the north field is critical especially the girl's field hockey and the youth programs that I see there every day, you know I'm seeing the girl's lacrosse and so forth it is a highly used field, also as a practice field for high school, you know like all of the items you said the lighting for the you know press box I kinda feel that looking at an alternate for a press box separate from the bleachers may just be cost prohibitive may be the same cost I'm not quite sure I haven't seen the quote. Mr. Prochorena said we'll find out. Ms. Jackson continued we looked at a number of different bleachers last week we didn't look at them again this week but I think one of them I thought was a great, the one you were able to get the equipment underneath, structural frame, correct, but I feel of anything I think the north field alternate should be done part of a main you know.

Mr. Donovan spoke I think we go with the south field the way it is with lights, bleachers and press box and also we have to do the field just go with one package, this is the package we that we recommend. Mr. Ponziani asked one package meaning both fields? Mr. Donovan agreed both fields as an option you know break it out so they have the option to take things off of the whole as they feel the town.

Mr. Ponziani asked Sara. Sara said so, let's start with the south field. The walkway behind the track we would feel strongly that that would need to be removed. Mr. Ponziani said we already said that. She continued I know but I just want to you asked for input so I'm going to give it to you if you don't mind. The buffering issues West Avon and Sudbury Way I think to Dan's point we keep talking about I know it's ad nauseam and I apologize to everybody they're sick of hearing me say it but it's important so we're going to keep saying it. We are concerned about the drainage issues more than what you have here with the south field, the north field I don't know of any drainage issues I think that's fine. The PA system is a concern to us the neighbors because for West Avon as well so that I don't think is really even an alternate I think it has to be part of the initial bid as you said but lower systems, lower level whatever the cost there I'm almost for that you need to invest in a good quality PA system and lighting you know I'm a little we're still a little concerned with the lighting but I do like the alternate second field we agree that the second field I mean we've all said from the start that's just enhances the community and really this is a in my opinion for the high school, the middle school, Thompson Brook but that's all used that's why it makes sense but I do think there's buffering, PA system there's still some concerns even with this design so I just offer that in spirit of what the neighbors wanted to bring up.

Mr. Ponziani said from my perspective I think that we have to also consider the fact that this all got started from day one because it was an incredible need for more fields and in order to accomplish that at this location, I think we have to have lights because that gives us additional capacity that we don't have. We'll deal with those issues associated with use down the road but I think this package has to include lights as part of the base project. Mr. Donovan said I agree, you can always take them out, you can't put them back in once they're out, that's my feeling, you gotta go for everything and have them be able to take things out as they feel the need, that's how we

kind of build this the first time is in phases that we don't have to do everything at once, it can be phased in over time. Ms. Jackson said same with the press box right.

Mr. Neagle said as far as bidding the project I think you're saying not have the light package as part have it included or as an alternate in the bidding process? Mr. Ponziani said from my perspective I think it's part of the base package it doesn't become an alternate (inaudible). Mr. Donovan said I'd put that whole package together, here's the package and you grade and this is how we want it broken out. Mr. Neagle said but we do want alternate pricing, so that you know. Mr. Ponziani said that's fine but we do have to exclude enough to make a recommendation to the Town Council. Mr. Neagle continued then we get back into the whole usage thing which means we're going to have to make a come up to some resolution on that. Mr. Donovan said that's not for this one. Mr. Neagle said it kinda is. Mr. Ponziani agreed yeah it is part of it but I don't know that we're going to get there today, I mean today we vote on what our recommendation what we believe as a committee we want to recommend to the Town Council, we put out there all of the various alternates if they want to they can choose but I still think we have to make the recommendation. Ms. Roberson said priorities.

Mr. Ponziani said so I guess what we will need is a motion. Mr. Magrini asked a motion to vote? Mr. Ponziani said well a motion as to what we are going to recommend then we vote on it. Mr. Neagle said so my if I may, my motion would be to include as part of the base bid package turfing both fields, with alternates for the field lighting and the bleachers on the south field, that that would be my motion the base package would be well it's hard to say that because it's a bidding process and I think. Mr. Ponziani asked does it make sense to make a recommendation that both fields are turf and you add the lighting on the big field. Mr. Neagle said but you know what I'm saying Peter, I, I have to now thinking about this is, is I think, I think you almost have to make sure put all of them in as alternates then, I mean if I as I've already stated if it were up to me I would sacrifice everything else for getting that second field turfed, that would be my recommendation, it's not to say that there wouldn't be lighting and there wouldn't be bleachers, and there wouldn't be buffering on the north side and all that other stuff I think that, the the you'll get extended use simply by the fact that we have turf fields, because we won't get rainouts and currently we get rained out and if we get rained out on one we get rained out on both so there'll be extended play just by virtue of the fact that we have turf and when we get into the whole usage thing with lighting I think \$700,000.00 or \$800,000.00 for lighting for whatever the ultimate usage is, for right now we're talking in a dozen or fifteen evenings, I don't think it's worth it. I think I'd rather have that second field turfed and I think we would get the extended play just by virtue of turfing those fields, the second field.

Mr. Ponziani asked how does everybody else feel about that. Mr. Magrini said I think the base package needs to be both fields and at a minimum lights on the big field. Ms. Jackson said I agree, I think that you're we're doing a recommendation and we are not recommending the lights to the Town Council and they'll wonder why we're not recommending the lights. Mr. Neagle said that's not what I was saying, I'm not not recommending lights, I'm just saying in the I'm really just kind of prioritizing my feelings because I'm not against the lights. Ms. Jackson said right but we're here to make a recommendation that gets presented to the Town Council so we should probably recommend all of what we feel and then we can wait for their feedback but if we you know if you

don't recommend that's fine but we're not if you don't feel that we don't recommend it but which we recommend them everything you think?

Mr. Donovan said two fields with lights with bleachers and a press box as a option. Mr. Neagle said everything. Ms. Jackson asked what is everything? Mr. Donovan said option is the bleachers and the press box. Ms. Jackson said yeah and recommend the turfing the both and the lights. Mr. Donovan said that's our recommendation, they don't have to take our recommendation.

Mr. Ponziani said and I, I think that if we do it that way with the cost associated with each of the various pieces then they can choose to do what they want. Mr. Donovan continued we understand. Mr. Neagle said I think that's kinda where we started anyway so yeah.

Mr. Ponziani asked Ruth do you want to say anything? Ms. Checko said I, I think Myles has some input. Mr. Altimus said I'm just saying from my perspective as the Operations Director, I think the bleachers are more important than the lights right now, having seen the conditions of the bleachers but again that's a very selfish perspective on it from what I have to do but I think but as far as lights or anything like that it really doesn't impact the things that we do, I think speaking for Tim Filon I think he'd like to have the lights as the Athletic Director. Mr. Ponziani said yeah and I should say Tim sent me an email saying he couldn't be here today and his main concern also was the press box he thinks that's important for the high school so I think that has to be referenced as an alternate as we discussed it.

Ms. Jackson asked when you say bleachers is bleachers including press box correct as one unit as one line. Mr. Ponziani said well I you know it's. Mr. Donovan said it's in here as one. Mr. Ponziani said it's in here as one as an alternate. Mr. Prochorena said the alternate does include the bleacher system with the press box as kind of a system. Mr. Ponziani said but you can give us a price on what the freestanding press box would be we could keep the existing.

Ms. Roberson said so if we're going on the premise that we're saying to the town we're going to recommend north and south, lights and PA, bleacher we're going to recommend everything, may I kind of offer just a question mark then, then there're really not any alternates I mean they are but I understand what you're saying but we're saying we're recommending lights, we're recommending turf fields, we're recommending you gotta have bleachers cause they you gotta sit on 'em and they gotta be to code, and I'm just saying so basically what I'm hearing it say is we recommend the whole package but let, let if I may use the term be candid you can't have a I'm just you can't have a field without coded bleachers 'cause if someone falls we're going to get sued as a town so that's really not an alternate right of some type of bleacher. I'm saying wouldn't these not become alternates wouldn't these just recommend the whole package?

Mr. Ponziani said we have can have bleachers now that have to be made up to code so presumably once they're made up to code then they could stay, that's a possibility. Ms. Roberson continued so shouldn't that that's what I'm saying so shouldn't that be added in the couldn't that just be added into the main proposal so we're going to have to upgrade them anyway. Mr. Donovan said those are going to be done to code this summer whenever that comes back we don't want that to influence us. Ms. Roberson said got it so that doesn't have to be part of this bid. Ms. Jackson said however when you do build this field you are going to lose the bleachers on the other side ok and so now

you're going be down to what seating for 500? Mr. Altimus said 750. Ms. Jackson continued 750 is and we're looking to do what a 1,000 with the new so we're losing the seating for the other 250 on the other side correct when this field is built, that's just some a point to make.

Mr. Magrini said I understand what you're saying and that's absolutely my, I think we're saying the same thing, it's this package, this is our recommendation. Ms. Roberson said basically yeah, with the added cost that we've identified that have to be addressed.

Mr. Ponziani said so to Ruth's side we've ought to get them up to priorities so don't forget from my perspective it would be main field, lights, secondary field other people can feel differently we should just vote on that and then present that to the Town Council. Ms. Checko said I agree.

Mr. Ponziani said that's me, Dan you're different right. Mr. Neagle said yeah. Mr. Donovan said I don't think we're ever going to come to. Mr. Ponziani said so that's why we're going to have to vote. Mr. Neagle said yeah I guess if that's the way we're going to go then my motion would be south field turf and track north field and then everything else after. Mr. Ponziani said right so let's kinda do this in an orderly fashion here. Can we agree that 1: the committee as a whole recommends as we said everything yes, everything that's been said. Ms. Checko said so I would make sure that we understand that it's turfing the main field and an 8 lane track, I would delineate that in the motion. Ms. Jackson said yeah but that's just one project, that's just the main field project, south field in its entirety. She said I'm sorry when you say south field you mean the entire design. Mr. Neagle said the track and the fencing and the walkways to get to it, the retaining walls, the south field. Ms. Roberson said well the south and I'm going to say it again I'm sorry all that I know you just have to keep saying it so it's very clear so nobody reads the notes and it's not there.

Ms. Checko said so basically Concept A does not have lights, correct. Mr. Prochorena said that's correct. Ms. Checko continued so if you vote on Concept A you're voting on north and south fields turfed, track system, fencing, the bleachers and no lights. Mr. Ponziani said the bleachers aren't in Concept A, right? Ms. Checko said you're right, you're right those are existing, so maybe if you point to Concept A in your vote we all understand that we're including everything that we see here and then make the other things that are not here that you want the alternates.

Mr. Neagle said my Concept A does not include the lighting. Ms. Checko said correct. Mr. Neagle continued my Concept A includes the turf and the track, and the impertinences on the south field and the turfing and fencing on the north field. Mr. Prochorena said and where it gets a little bit strange is because we're talking about alternates for example the lighting is shown but with there it's an alternate, that's a bid tool so when you talk about the alternates in the context of your decision, just to clarify, we can re-jig the cost estimates any way you'd like right so take things out of that alternate category and move them up into the main so depending on what you decide on, that's what we'll do so we encompass the project just to clarify that. Ms. Jackson said the lighting and the bleachers are approximately the same cost, approximately 344 so is it easier to add lights later on or is it easier to add bleachers. My assumption is the bleachers are going to be harder to add later on because of the construction around it. You're going to have the conduits and everything for the lights so if we just add them you're, you're assuming a cost of the actual base of the lights. Without the lights you can do that and then add that's in the base. Mr. Prochorena clarified no, the conduit runs for future but not the foundations and those things. Ms. Jackson

continued ok that's part of the 344 whatever cost. Mr. Prochorena said that's all part of the alternate and the reason is the foundations for these lights are very specific to the lighting manufacturer. Ms. Jackson said I see. Mr. Prochorena continued I actually run into that a lot people say well can you put the bases in the ground and that locks you into a certain volt pattern, each manufacturer has their own so.

Mr. Ponziani said so right guys we have to vote because Todd has to go. He continued so my suggestion is Concept A both fields and the lights and then with priority my alternate would be priority one well there's just the bleachers and press box that would be what I would recommend and I'll make that motion and is there anybody who'll seconds that motion. Mr. Donovan said I'll second that motion. Mr. Ponziani asked quick discussion. Mr. Neagle said my priority would just be without the lights. Let's vote on mine and I don't mean. Ms. Checko said that's a good way to do it. Mr. Ponziani asked all in favor my motion? One, two three out of five right carries, thank you. Ms. Jackson said six, no I did not vote I'm an alternate and I'm not seated. Mr. Ponziani said but today you're here. Mr. Neagle said so I go back to my motion would be prioritizing south field turf and the north field turf ah, without the lights. Ms. Jackson said so with the press box and the bleachers, correct. Mr. Donovan said that's Concept A, Concept A is what that is what you're recommending. Mr. Neagle said without the lights. Mr. Donovan said there's no lighting with Concept A. Those are the poles just the cutouts. Mr. Neagle said if that's what you're saying then yeah my priority would be turfing the second field. Ms. Roberson said I'm with Dan. Ms. Jackson said yeah, me too. Mr. Ponziani said so after that you would have lighting as your first priority and the bleachers as your second priority. Mr. Neagle said probably bleachers first and lighting second, that would be my motion if we're clear on that. Mr. Ponziani asked all in favor of that motion. (Mr. Neagle, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Roberson voted in favor.) Laughter. Ms. Jackson asked who's doing rock, paper scissors I'm not sure.

Mr. Neagle said Peter we just put it up that way today, the two I mean there. Mr. Ponziani said well, I mean we. Mr. Neagle continued I think we have the, conceptually we have the layout that we like, we had everything we'd have everything but so I think we're all on board with all of that, it really I think it ultimately comes down to then probably bidding. Mr. Magrini said it's the alternates right. Ms. Jackson said and we're talking \$350,000.00 here either way, means we're on the same exact point price-wise, lighting vs. bleachers, it's approximately the same price point. Mr. Magrini said so what we're saying this is our recommendation as it's laid out, it's a matter of do you prioritize the bleachers first or the lighting, well, the base being both fields right and all the accoutrements that we see here plus what we've added the buffering all those things right and then it's a matter of voting on are the bleachers more important than lights. Ms. Roberson said well bleachers and PA right because Tim even said PA, I'm repeating what Peter said, Tim said PA the press box, I'm sorry press box we're talking press box more important to him right. Mr. Ponziani asked for a motion just so it's clear. Mr. Magrini said he will make that motion, so my motion would be both the north and the south field and the track and the buffering as the base right, that's the, the core that we're recommending and then voting on alternates the priority alternates being lighting on the south field, south field, south field and bleachers with press box and PA system. Ms. Checko asked in that order? Mr. Magrini continued I think a separate thing would be let's prioritize how we would look at that. Mr. Donovan said there's going to be a PA system at the court, they're going to put that in (inaudible) but for upgrading the existing system as a (inaudible). Ms. Jackson said I say we recommend them both do you have to say the bleachers before lights do

you just list them as two separate ones. Mr. Ponziani said we got them in as both because Todd has to go. Ms. Jackson said alright. Mr. Magrini said I would that would be my motion that is my motion so we'll prioritize, we'll vote on the what we believe the base is and then we can vote on how we want to prioritize the additions of the lighting vs. the bleacher press box and bleachers and press box. Mr. Ponziani asked all in favor? Mr. Magrini said well I'm in favor of that. Mr. Donovan asked we have to make a motion right? Mr. Ponziani said Dave just made a motion and someone seconds the motion. Mr. Donovan said he'll second that motion. Mr. Ponziani asked all in favor of that motion? (Laughter.) Ms. Jackson said I just think the bleachers and the press box before the lights it's just easier to do. Mr. Magrini said then why don't we prioritize that?

Mr. Ponziani said you know what guys here's the we clearly there's clearly some issues that need to be discussed, let's not rush to judgement here we've got one more meeting on the agenda right, let's just get the rest of the committee here and at that point in time we'll make the, we'll have the vote at that time, we'll have additional information. Mr. Prochorena said we will provide the committee with additional information based on the discussion today. Mr. Ponziani said let's plan on a relatively short discussion before we vote the next time around, we'll have to spend some on new stuff as well. Mr. Neagle said the last thing I would just say and I will be brief I think we've come a long way we have a turf field that we all seem to like and a track field that we all seem to like, we have a configuration that we all seem to like, and I think we've worked out a lot of those bugs and, and a good job in that regard so. Mr. Ponziani said July 18th the next meeting.

The clerk asked shouldn't we adjourn?

VI. ADJOURNMENT

VOTE: Mr. Magrini motioned, Ms. Jackson seconded and all agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:30AM. None opposed.

Peter Ponziani, *Chairman*

Susan Gatcomb, *Clerk*