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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 7:03 AM by Chairman Peter Ponziani in the Avon Room, Town Hall Building 1. Subcommittee members present: Chairman Peter Ponziani, David Jadovich, Todd Donovan, Don Droppo, David Magrini, Sara Roberson, Dan Neagle and alternate member Kelly Jackson. Staff members present: Town Manager Brandon Robertson, Director of Operations Myles Altimus and Recreation & Parks Director Ruth Checko. BSC Group's representative present: Manager of Landscape Architecture Eric Roise.

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – June 27, 2016

Chairman Ponziani asked if there were any changes or modifications to the minutes from the preceding meeting (June 27th). Mr. Neagle began with I have something to say about the minutes. I was a little upset and a little miffed when I received the minutes because I don't think they reflect the discussion this committee's been having for the last 6 or 8 weeks. In particular, the package that came from BSC Group. We've had many discussions about buffering and buffering along West Avon Road. In my opinion, it was a given that buffering along West Avon Road was as critical a part of this project as anything else. When this package was put out, buffering on West Avon Road was listed as an alternate. In my opinion, it was never an alternate. If lights are installed on the field, then buffering on West Avon Road is just as critical to the project as the buffering on Sudbury Way. I get a little bit frustrated because in my opinion, correct me if I'm wrong, it's been discussed at every meeting. For it to be listed as an alternate to me means that it's an afterthought, and to me that was unacceptable.

Mr. Ponziani responded that there's no question that there's been a lot of discussion about buffering. I don't know if this committee has ever taken a final position one way or the other. That's part of what we need to vote on. Specifically as it relates to the minutes, what needs to be corrected?

Mr. Neagle answered that he thinks it needs to be corrected. If lights are installed, buffering along Sudbury Way as well as West Avon Road or any other location where field lights are installed. If it gets installed at the North field, there needs to be buffering on West Avon Road up there as well. I think that's critical. I think it's been discussed ad nauseum. I think Dave actually brought up the idea that if we put lights on we have buffer West Avon Road up there. I believe there's a general consensus. If there's not a general consensus, then I think a motion needs to be made.

Mr. Ponziani responded that it's exactly the issue that we're going to visit and talk about now. In terms of what we're doing right now, in terms of correcting the minutes, it's not my recollection

that we ever made a decision one way or another in any of the discussions we've had previously about the extent of the buffering. If people have differing opinions on that. What we're dealing with right now is correcting the minutes.

Ms. Roberson responded that well, I have to speak up then too. It's been very clear. In fact, at the last meeting I said the word buffer again and you kindly said I know. I said no I don't think. I think my exact words were I don't think that's why I keep saying it over and over and over again. So, I apologize. I specifically remember that because I felt like I cut you off. I didn't intend to do so. We've talked about buffering to the point where I know we make everybody here very nauseated with the term. But we have clearly spoken about West Avon. Clearly. I went back and pulled all the notes. I've sent photos to Ruth. I brought them today because I wondered. Ruth has distributed them I know. But I wondered if people had seen them. I've submitted photos. Dan and I, David, all of us have talked about buffering on West Avon and all the way down Sudbury. Not as an alternate. Not as an alternate, but as part of the plan. So, to see the plan change was disheartening to us. So, we understood it that way and there's a lot of committee members here who are shaking their heads yes. So, you know…somewhere along the line, I think four or five of us here are shaking our heads yes. That's not what was reflected. That is not what has been discussed over and over and over again.

Ms. Checko added that I would just like to say there was a different recording secretary whose style of recording the minutes is different than Usha's. She does not do them verbatim and that's how she took the minutes in the past. As far as where the packet ended up, I think that there's another place on our agenda to be able to discuss that at length so that you can understand the transition that happened since the last meeting.

Mr. Neagle replied, and I have a problem that as Sara said, again, we've talked about buffering. I said, I don't think Eric was here. I said, physically, why does this keep falling off the minutes? I said that three weeks ago, or three things ago. And everyone, oh yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. And, this package came in and in my opinion, not the minutes themselves, more to the attachments, does not represent the discussion that has been taking place at these meetings. I don't think it does. It's been repackaged. The issue of lights was put into the base bid. That's not something that we discussed. That's somebody, that somebody else determined was gonna happen when this package got put together. That does not reflect, in my opinion, the discussions that have been continuing on here for the last six or eight weeks.

Mr. Ponziani responded, part of the problem, and I'll take full responsibility, we got a little bit off track. We've had at length discussions about all of these issues and I think they were very good discussions and they were discussions that needed to be had. However, we were given, this committee, was given a specific task by the Town Council that we're bound to follow. And we kind of got away from that with regards to our discussions. After the last meeting, when we went back and looked at what that task was, the task was very specific. So, that's why the packet is probably a little bit different than what you had anticipated. Because, it is on task where as many of our discussions were off task.

Mr. Neagle responded, I, I, I understand what you're saying. I look at it a little bit differently because we had 3 motions made at the last meeting. Three motions about the field. Every one of

them included lights. Every one of them. We didn't deviate from that. The charge from the Town Council was field, track, lights. We presented motions that included all three of those things, in my opinion. And I think we all have a common goal here. I'm a little frustrated right now because I don't want us to go another six years without having adequate facilities for our kids. I really don't. I think we could have…I think we get in our way some times in this Town. And I looked at this and I go here we go again and that's my frustration. Like I said. You presented a motion, I presented a motion, Dave presented a motion. All those motions included lights. This doesn't reference those motions that were presented. This is a different package than what was discussed.

Mr. Ponziani responded, I think we got to have this discussion this morning, but we've got to move on. Right now there is a motion on the table to accept or not accept the minutes. Let's deal with that first. Is there any more discussion about the minutes that have been presented? Okay. Can we have a motion to approve the minutes as written? Does somebody want to make that motion?

Mr. Donovan replied, in honor of time, I'll accept the motion to accept the minutes.

Mr. Ponziani asked if there was a second? Mr. Droppo responded that he wasn't here.

Ms. Roberson said I want to go on record and say those minutes were incorrect and if we accept them, that's inappropriate. That's my case. We're shaking our heads that they weren't right. We're saying they were wrong. And to accept minutes inappropriately, we need to document that four out of five people were shaking their heads that that wasn't right.

Mr. Ponziani asked, is there a second the motion, yes or no? If no, they won't be accepted. There's no second so the minutes are not accepted as written.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alright, again what I'd like to do at this point because in my opinion we ultimately got off task. Some of these conversations that we had, which again are good conversations. What I'd like to do at this point is run through the numbers. Brandon Robertson is here today to address some of the issues we're dealing with.

Mr. Robertson addressed the Committee, good morning. Happy Monday morning. Watch out, I've only had one cup of coffee. My apologies. I couldn't make the last meeting. I had a prior engagement. But, I did review the minutes though they haven't been accepted. I talked a little bit with Ruth about what happened at the meeting. I thought it would be helpful if I took a couple of minutes here just to clarify and provide some guidance perhaps. You know, this goes back into some history. Council's intention in terms of adapting that resolution that formed this committee was really to have the committee solve two problems. One problem is the facility itself. And the second problem was to talk about utilization of the site. So, there was no time limit that was put on the committee's deliberations. Clearly, the discussion with the Council was that they recognize this is a heavy event. There are a lot of issues here that need solutions. They wanted you all to take the amount of time that was appropriate to do that. But, looking back, I note that this is your sixth meeting and there's been no resolution yet on the facility and you haven't even begun to talk about the site utilization which it's unlikely you'll be able to resolve. So, in the interest of time,

we put the agenda together today with the hope that you could solve toward the site – the base bid and the options. Now, in terms of the base bid, I'm going to be very clear about it. The base bid includes the track, the lights. If you look at the resolution that created the subcommittee, it references the minutes from the Council meeting on March 3, 2016, where this was really discussed in great depth. That discussion is what prompted me to create the motion that I did appointing the committee that was ultimately adopted on April 7th. I myself hate being read to, but I think it's important in this case. So, I went back and looked at the minutes from March 3rd. It's very brief, but I think it's helpful. So, I'm just going to read it.

Mr. Ponziani clarified those are the minutes from the Town Council?

Mr. Robertson confirmed, from the Town Council. So, this on page 4, the last paragraph, Mr. Stokesbury commented that we need to start with a basic Charge to the committee recognizing that whatever we set as a minimum there are some very probable add-ons to consider for any number of reasons. He noted that a lot of the add-ons will depend on pricing and funding. Chairman Zacchio commented that as a base you have to do a field and 6 or 8 lane track. His opinion would be to add lights with a reasonable use policy and beyond that is an add alternate (stand, press boxes, second field, etc.). Chairman Zacchio asked the Council if they agree. The Council concurred. The Town Manager commented that having consensus from the Council tonight about the site he will now go back and craft a motion for Council's consideration that would take it to the next step of appointing the Committee.

So, in crafting that resolution, article, or item 3, that's where it comes from. The options clearly are the second field, stand, the press boxes and the other options that have been surfaced including the equipment storage facility and the additional field equipment. In terms of the buffering, the base bid includes, what Eric, about 425 linear feet of buffering running parallel with Sudbury heading east. I know there's been a lot of discussion about buffering on West Avon and extending that buffering running with Sudbury heading east. I reviewed the minutes. I didn't see anything resolved. It's very simple to resolve it. If the Committee feels that that buffering is, should be part of the base project, all it requires is a motion. Very simple. With that motion, what would happen is, you line item that you have identified for buffering under the base bid project, with the increase of I think it's about $118,000 dollars to accommodate that buffering. It's very simple. All it takes is a motion.

In terms of the base bid, again, it's been defined where the Committee needs to have input and I think there is consensus on this about the facility itself, in terms of the type of infill material to be used, some of the underlying technical aspects of synthetic turf fields, understanding more about the technical aspects of the light and track and type of track surfacing, etc. In terms of the options, mea culpa. The options are staff's recommendations regarding priorities. It's just staff's recommendations because again, looking through the minutes, I didn't see that anything had been resolved. If the Committee feels, that in terms of those options, they should be in a different priority, by all means consider it a Chinese menu. Mix it up. Again, that buffering, if you think it's basic to the project, take it off the options and put it in the base. So, I hope that's helpful in terms of providing some grounding here. Again, the Committee has all the time necessary to work through these issues. In the interest of time, this will be the sixth time that you've met. I think it would be useful if you could at least resolve the base bid and come up with some priorities on the

options. And then, for the next meeting and potentially the meeting after that, begin the facility use policy, which I promise, will be a lot of fun. Because unfortunately, looking at, we've looked at how many Ruth, about a dozen communities so far, all in residential areas, there is no consistency on how these things are governed. So, we're trying, rather than we did at the last meeting, just throwing a bunch of use policies at you, what we're trying to do is basically come up with a sum of each. And again, just like I would do for Council, staff recommendations regarding what we see as being reasonable and good recommendations are going to be taken to them.

Mr. Neagle added, may I add one point, Dave, no I'm. Mr. Magrini said, no go ahead. I was just going to cut to the chase.

Mr. Neagle said, I just have, I just have one thing. I'll try to make it one thing. It's my opinion that this subcommittee is here to accomplish a task and it accomplishes that task. If we put motions forward and it's the general consensus of this committee, than that's what it is. It is what it is. It's not up to anybody to change it. Town Council can accept it or reject it. Town Council can say that we have met the task or the Town Council can say that this doesn't satisfy our request. But if there is a motion that comes from this committee and it says that everybody in Avon should wear pink hats and this field should be located in New Hartford and that's the consensus of this committee, than it's the consensus of the committee. And I don't think it's appropriate for other people to be injecting or infusing their opinions and I appreciate the repatching. I understand more, Brandon, how this happened. I do. But I think the committee was put here for a reason.

Mr. Ponziani added I think that reason was the reason that was spelled out by the Town Council. That's what our task is.

Mr. Neagle responded, fair enough Peter. But, as I stated, if the Council says everyone here should wear a hula skirt on Thursdays and that's the opinion of everybody on this Council than that's what it is. Or the committee. Than that's what it is.

Mr. Ponziani added then we have a difference of opinion.

V. <u>ACTION: BASE BID</u>

Mr. Magrini responded, well, if it's appropriate, I'd like to make a motion to add buffering to the base plan along West Avon Road.

Mr. Ponziani stated, let's, let's, before we do that, is there…let me ask this question first. Is there disagreement about anything within the plan, other than the buffering issue?

Mr. Droppo responded, well I was just going to say…we've talked about it a little bit. I guess it's almost goes hand in hand with the buffering, with the whole idea of the second field. I always thought that that…even though I know the ultimate mission was the track, light and field. Just in terms of the motion, I just don't want it to be so shortsighted that we're only doing a part of it. That's where I feel that we know we're never going to go back and turf the other field, most likely. So, it was just, my opinion, I understand the mission of the Town Council and what we're

ultimately trying to do. It's just, I put it in the same vein, a little bit, as the buffering. I'm afraid obviously if we try to make a motion to do both fields then it'll come back and it'll be too expensive ultimately. And then, nothing will get done. And that's like you said, we've already waited ten years, we don't want to wait another six more. So, I just…I apologize, I wasn't here for the last meeting either and it sound like things went in different directions. So I'm sorry I wasn't here. But that was just my opinion. I don't know if it makes sense to include that or not. I agree lights, no lights. You said it Brandon, it's like adding a la carte. I'm a little conflicted just because I sit on the Parks & Rec and I know what the field needs are for field usage as well as the special subcommittee. So I know that the usage of fields is at a premium, spacing. For the extra $300,000 or a million dollars, I just don't want us to be shortsighted. I want to make sure that we fully talk about all that before. I think what I do agree we have to keep things moving forward too. If anyone else has any comments on that.

Mr. Ponziani replied that I think everybody agrees that purpose of this committee.

Mr. Droppo replied, I don't want money to be the reason why the whole thing gets squashed – trying to package it in.

Mr. Ponziani replied, but that's a reality. So that's why we have a discussion here.

Mr. Donovan added can we look at the presentation before we move on? Eric, can you pull up the map and show how far 450 feet is?

Mr. Ponziani said I thought that what we would do…

Mr. Donovan replied, as far as buffering goes, this goes around the buffering.

Mr. Roise said 450 feet is up the property line from West Avon approximately past the infield of the baseball field.

Ms. Roberson added so have you…

Mr. Donovan replied, this is getting to your point. I agree. We're on the same page. We're just past the infield, currently in the base package on Sudbury. It's just past the infield of the baseball field.

Mr. Roise replied, correct.

Mr. Donovan asked, and that's what's included right now in the base package?

Mr. Roise asked, can I just clarify something? The presentation I'm giving today is not intended to be thought of as base package and alternates. It's base package and options. What we're trying to do is frame out your decision making process. Give you kind of a Chinese menu with chunks you can throw down and understand. One of the things at the last meeting that in looking at the minutes that I was worried about and concerned with and I knew this was going to be a difficult meeting a week ago, two weeks ago, was that you really started getting down in the weeds as far

as details were concerned. We want to keep your resolution at a 10,000 foot level. Get it approved so that we can start doing our work as far as the design, development, plan and engineering is concerned. So once we get a resolution from you, we can start doing the actual drainage design. We can start doing the geotech, etc. One of the problems that we've had is that as your consultant, we need to take your opinion as a committee not as the individual or outspoken person on the committee. There hasn't been really a resolution as a whole to bring the project together to give us this…pull the trigger so that we can do the engineering review. That's what the presentation today is to kind of box up your resolution. Hopefully we can do that today. If we want to make modifications that's fine, they shouldn't be considered as alternates to the project, they should be considered options to the base bid and what your task is specific to the base project.

Mr. Ponziani stated Eric why don't you go.

Mr. Roise continued, so with that said, I knew today was going to be difficult. I knew we had to box things up and get things done for the meeting to try to get a resolution from you. As I said, there's a number of individuals on the committee that have expressed definite opinions about things but there hasn't necessarily been a whole vote on what this project is and what's in, what's out. So what I'm going to do today is go over generally 10,000 foot level of what we're seeing is the base project, what the options are that you can vote on whether they're in or out of the base project, and how we proceed from here. So again, a lot of the detail that we've talked about in previous meetings is not in that, we've talked about that. This is the big picture items as far as what's going on and the budget, that's what's going on too. Because that's what's going to drive your decisions.

So the base project is the field, the track, the lighting, all the walks and the fencing that go around it. There's some detail decisions that need to be made there. There's been some comments on the layout, little comments on the walk layout and things like that. But the big picture is that we're providing an 8 lane track, with an 8 lane straight, synthetic turf field. You've decided that the synthetic turf field is the failsafe system, or we feel that that's already been decided. It's the failsafe system, with the pad and the coated crumb rubber and the sand. The existing bleachers are to remain. Field events will go in. Drives will go in as it's shown on the plan. The wall…this is the same plan you've basically been looking at for the past month and a half, two months. New security fence only at the north end and part of east side where we're really doing work and the new entrance coming in. Athletic lighting is included. It's the state of the art Musco system. Limited buffer at the south is included in this. I'll get into the options. We've got options to add buffering through this. Maintenance equipment is included with this. So you get a Gator that's for towing drag brush and maintaining the turf and drag brush for the turf also. Lacrosse safety netting at the end zone. We had discussed doing the whole field. Doing the whole field or doing the sidelines is an option. Pedestrian lighting as far as getting pedestrians in and out of the bleachers – that's the base project. There's four options and I'll get into the options in detail. The options are, and you shouldn't be taking them in any sort of order, that's up to you. We're not calling them alternates. It's not a bid alternate. We're not deciding that at this point. What we're deciding is whether these options go into your base bid. So the options are the bleachers, press box, a PA system. PA system is included under bleachers because if we don't have a press box, we have nowhere to put the PA system. Another option is the storage building. That's basically a Kloter Farms prefabricated wood building. One of the sheds you put in your backyard. That's

going to be big enough to put your high jump and your pole vault pads. You should be able to put that Gator in there also. All the netting posts that will come out seasonally. So that's what that storage building is for.

Another option is the non-fixed field equipment. That's all the stuff that you would normally need to run an event. So that's all the hurdles for the track, the pads, the goals, the football equipment, the yard line chains. That's an option because you might want to take that out of a different budget. You might want to take that out of a different pot of money. Sometimes the school has a maintenance budget or a replacement equipment budget that you can take that out of. That's here for your consideration. Then another one is the extended buffers. Adding buffers. Adding another 450, approximately 450 feet along Sudbury, all the way up past the soccer fields and adding some length of buffer behind the bleacher itself at West Avon.

Mr. Ponziani stated that what I would like you to do is talk about the base project.

Mr. Roise said so base project. We talked about the synthetic turf system. This is the system I believe that the committee wants to go with. This is what we call the failsafe system. It includes the pad, a shorter nap turf, the coated crumb rubber and sand system. That's in that base project. Also in the base project, we're assuming that you wanted to go with the urethane base mat track system. We had talked about that. This is the system that's on 95% of other municipal tracks and fields in the state.

Lighting – lighting is included. That's basically the Musco system. Highly focused, state of the art, metal halide lighting system. 4 pole system. The poles will end of being 70 – 80 feet high. We don't know how high they are now because we haven't done the engineering yet. You'll have a service agreement on this. Typically it's a 25 year warranty. You get remote controls, other controls for dimming the lights. The lighting levels will be designed for, and this is what we're assuming you want us to do, the lighting levels will be designed for typical football or soccer games. It's not pro filming levels. It's not lighting up the whole track so you can do track events at night. It's the typical municipal layout.

So that's the base project. We're just confirming the scope of that. That base project, the budget cost that we would want to see you carry going forward for this is $3,211,000. That includes $400,000 worth of contingency at this point in the design process. So, what we would expect to see when the bids come is around $2.6 million. Again, the engineering hasn't been done. We've got to go forward and do the engineering once you give us a resolution on this base project. And once we get that resolution, we'll go ahead and do the engineering for the drainage, the lighting, for everything else that needs to be done on the site. So we can get it permit ready.

So, some of the options that I talked about – the new home bleachers and the press box. That would be a 1,000 seat structural frame bleacher. When I say structural frame we had talked about a frame system so you can have a walk underneath the bleacher. Because of where the bleacher is, you really need that detail to be able to get underneath and through to the south end of the site. That option also includes a PA system, a press box, all the electrical that goes with going into that press box and the lighting that you would need underneath that bleacher, if you had a walk underneath the bleacher.

Storage building is another option. As I talked about it's a 20' x 22' prefabricated Kloter Farms wood shed on a gravel path. Budget costs we'd want to see you carry is about $26,000. For the home bleachers, back up to budget costs, we'd want to see you carry for that is $495,000.

Ms. Jackson asked there's only going to be one bleacher. When you say new home, I just want to reiterate that we're not going to have the one on the opposing field.

Mr. Roise said correct. In all the discussions that we've had, we all said that there's no visitor bleachers, just one big home bleacher.

Ms. Jackson added I just wanted to make sure.

Mr. Roise continued with some of the other options – the non-fixed athletic equipment – that's the soccer goals, the hurdles, hurdle cart, high jump pads, pole vault pads, discus netting, all that sort of stuff. Again, you might have a different pot of money that you want this to come out of or it can come out of this project. For all the non-fixed equipment, we want to see you carry a budget cost of $79,000.

The extended property line buffers. So this would be on the south end along the Sudbury side, it would be an additional 450 feet of 6' cedar fence and landscaping buffer plantings, both on the school side. Those are larger buffer plantings. So this is fairly expensive. The reason we're going with larger buffer plantings is because we have a 6' fence there and then we've got buffer plantings. If those plantings are smaller than the fence, it doesn't make much sense. So there's a good price there for extended buffer plantings. For both locations, we'd want to see you carry $118,000.

Mr. Ponziani asked where would the buffer on the West Avon Road be located?

Mr. Roise responded so the West Avon Road buffer, what the extended buffer would be is along Sudbury, it would be that 6' high cedar fence with landscape plantings behind it. Larger landscape plantings. That's along Sudbury.

Mr. Ponziani asked that would go how far up? Mr. Roise responded that would go all the way up just past the soccer fields.

Mr. Donovan asked Sara is that far enough up?

Ms. Roberson asked well what are you talking about – if there's a multipurpose football field? You're saying it would go all the way to the end.

Mr. Roise replied it would go all the way to the end of the soccer field. There's more property line that keeps going out into the woods. We're not going to put buffers up for that.

Ms. Roberson asked but right to the end where there's…I think that's fair for Sudbury.

Mr. Donovan asked so that's 450 plus an additional…

Mr. Roise answered plus an additional 450.

Mr. Ponziani and Mr. Donovan both asked about West Avon. Mr. Roise responded on West Avon we're proposing just the landscape buffer behind the zone of the bleachers.

Ms. Roberson added and that's not going… I'm sorry…I have to…I'm sorry Dan. That's not going to work. In my opinion, that's just not going to help West Avon. And it's not just West Avon that's affected. So if I may, Dan you've already talked about this.

Mr. Neagle responded no go ahead. I've beaten it to death.

Ms. Roberson continued its Hollister, and Holly and it's everybody going up. I feel bad. I love what you said about being supportive for the whole way down. You've got to have more on West Avon because that's going to impact.

Mr. Neagle added it probably has the most direct impact to anything because it's open between the roadway. You have mature growth down along Sudbury.

Ms. Roberson added not all the time.

Mr. Neagle continued sometimes you do. But the most affected area by this facility, if it's lit, and I'll say this again. If lights end up not going in, the majority of the buffering along West Avon Road evaporates. It becomes unnecessary.

Mr. Roise asked I guess my question would be, what's your expectation for that buffering?

Mr. Neagle responded there needs to be some buffering to assist with light deflection and reflection. You can't light up 2 acres and not expect there to be some light bleed. I know we have directional lighting, but we'll have four giant orbs at 80 feet in the air. Okay. It also goes, lends itself to if there's bleachers done and if there's a new PA system done. Because with extended use, there's additional hours of PA system and things like that. I think the details of it need to be worked out. I don't think four trees cuts it.

Mr. Roise answered I don't think any amount of plantings will do the buffering you're looking for.

Mr. Neagle responded but any amount is better than nothing. And four is inadequate in my opinion. I live at the 35 yard line. I will be attending every night event that happens, whether I want to or not. So will my neighbors. So will the people behind me. So, it's a big issue in my opinion and I think that my opinion is well stated.

Mr. Roise answered it is well stated.

Mr. Ponziani asked what will the additional buffering do? We've heard what all the concerns are.

Mr. Roise answered the buffering we're proposing is large scale plantings. A mix of large plantings going in initially. We can't just put in small gumdrops right off the bat. We have to put the big plantings in. So, the proposal is to put it right in back of the bleachers for the length of the bleachers. That would buffer visually. It's not going to buffer…no amount of buffering is going to buffer the lights 80 feet in the air. It's all about the control at the lights. No amount of buffering is going to control the sound, as far as plantings are concerned. That's where investing in a higher end sound system. That's what's going to control the sound. We can certainly provide buffering but I just want to be very clear on what your expectations should be.

Mr. Neagle said well let's pretend that there's a field and it's not lit and we drive by it at night. How does that affect the drivers down there? Nothing. Let's pretend we have a football field lit up at night. Are we supposed to say we don't see it? Won't we get reflection, all that other stuff? The people that I've spoken to in my neighborhood – buffering is one of the biggest concerns that they have. Biggest concerns. It may even be perception Peter. If you're telling me that you can't affect the sound system unless we have this great sound system then great let's put the great sound system in. Let's be aware of the people that immediately adjacent to this facility. I think it makes a big difference. I think it will…you're going to look out your window at 9:00 at night. What are you going to see? Light bleed only lights up the field. You're telling me we're not going to be able to see that?

Mr. Ponziani replied the buffering that we're talking about, there's no buffering that's going to address that.

Mr. Neagle replied, I think buffering will address that. I think it will.

Mr. Roise added I think what he's talking about is actually being able to see the field and see the area that's lit. In that case, yes. Buffering, plantings will block that.

Mr. Neagle added I think that's part of it. Yeah. I do. I think if it's not done, there's going to be a mass opposition, an up roaring from people along the West Avon Road and perhaps the Sudbury Road and the Hollister Road. That's what's going to come. That's what's going to come.

Mr. Roise replied, let's get you there as far as a vote. Because where we want to get you is to a vote today. If you want to include additional buffering above what we've shown, we can get you there today for a vote.

Ms. Roberson added I just want to add one thing. I had spoken with landscaping professionals who offered different opinions than what you offer. And granted its size, where I think you're going, and it's the amount of. And I have to tell you, because I felt like I would not be doing a service to our committee if I didn't research this, they say it can't be done to a certain level. We don't want to put up concrete walls, like on I-84, that's not what we're talking about. But even you have said there are variations. To Dan's point there are people that are very in tuned to buffering. Perception is reality. And we need to, for the community, and for West Avon, as much as for Sudbury, add to the buffering. I think it will allow people to feel like, we as a subcommittee, are their neighbors. I just do. So we add a couple more trees, no offense, we add 40 or 50 thousand dollars to the buffering.

Mr. Neagle said, that's a lot of buffering. It'll buy you a good amount of buffering.

Ms. Roberson continued it will. It just helps people to see hey, they really took the time and effort and they thought about West Avon and they thought about Sudbury. No offense, but, we can raise $100,000 if we need to. It shouldn't be hindered on the price when it should be doing the right thing in this situation. I'm speaking about right and I just appreciate those of you who have supported this today. It's a small opportunity to do the right thing.

Mr. Neagle said I would add that this would be my opinion, it would be my…I would share this same opinion if it was being built across from your house or on Huckleberry or on Scoville Road. My opinion on buffering would be consistent. This isn't a Dan issue. In my opinion, this is being a good neighbor issue.

Mr. Magrini added, let's not forget the eyesore that it is today. Rusted chain-link fence.

Mr. Donovan added I don't think we ever said that we're not going to address the West Avon buffering. I think that's all we've been talking about is extending the buffering through West Avon Road.

Mr. Neagle commented, I know that. But it didn't make it into the…that's what aggravates me.

Mr. Donovan replied, I understand that. Forget that. This is done. We're talking about today. Today is we would recommend extending buffering, whatever that may be, if it's $100,000 or $200,000. Don't just take Sudbury into account. Take West Avon also. That's what we're talking about here. But, for you to say that I want to sit in my living room and not know that there's a game across the street.

Mr. Neagle responded, I didn't say that.

Mr. Donovan continued, you just did. You said there's light bleed. You're going to have some bleed. You can't protect 80 feet up in the air because we'll have a concrete wall. So, we are addressing that. We would. I am personally agreed and I told both of you that. I want this thing to go through. If it includes additional buffering of 500 feet to include all of West Avon Road all the way up to the driveway, then let's do it. Let's get it done. And I think that has always been our consensus. Now it may not have been…the original bid was only Sudbury, and that's what this committee was for.

Mr. Neagle asked when did ever say Sudbury. When did Sudbury ever become part of the original bid?

Mr. Donovan replied Sudbury was always the original bid.

Mr. Neagle said, well so was West Avon Road.

Mr. Donovan answered no it was not.

Mr. Neagle responded as far as I'm concerned, it was.

Mr. Ponziani and Mr. Donovan both answered it doesn't matter. Mr. Donovan went on to say it said south only. So we are extending the buffering to include the all of Sudbury and if you have to include all of West Avon Road, all the way to the fire station, let's do it. I don't care. Let's just get it done.

Mr. Neagle responded, I'm with you. Let's do it.

Mr. Donovan responded so why are we belaboring the point here.

Mr. Neagle answered because it dropped to option 4 on the list.

Mr. Donovan responded those options are not 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. That's our job. You know what, it's number one on my list. Extend buffering – include it in the base package damnit. But we can't spend 6 weeks and Peter and myself and Don have spent 2 years going over and addressing. We take care your concerns very seriously. Believe me, I do. So, we go Eric please include all of West Avon buffering. What is that? Is it an additional 450 feet? Is it an additional 1,000 feet? What is that?

Mr. Roise responded my initial question, my next question is okay do you want that buffering to extend just for the track and field or do you want it track the whole frontage?

Mr. Donovan answered, do the whole thing. Why pick and choose? Go from the corner all the way to the corner all the way to the driveway. And that way, we have everything covered.

Mr. Roise replied, you're probably talking because we're talking about $70,000 for just in back of the bleachers, we're probably talking another $80,000.

Mr. Donovan answered, it doesn't matter. Just include it. As part of our base package recommendation is buffering along the whole street.

Mr. Neagle added, we have to vote on that. That's why we're having all this discussion.

Mr. Donovan replied, I said we'll make a recommendation.

Mr. Jadovich asked what's that going to look like from the road, the buffering?

Mr. Roise answered we're going to do a variety of different plantings. So, it'll be a variety of sizes and types of plants to break it up and not make it a solid wall or arbor villa like some folks do. So, it's going to look like a thick, landscaped island.

Mr. Jadovich asked and you'll be able to see through it, right?

Mr. Roise replied you'll still be able to see. It's not going to be 100% opaque. You'll still going to be able to see through it at points, but it's going to be much less see through as it is now.

Ms. Roberson asked they're not going to be trees that lose their leaves in the wintertime?

Mr. Roise responded we'll do a mix. Because if we do all evergreens, it's going to look like a solid wall. We're going to try to make it as much of a wall as we can out of evergreens, but we're also going to have deciduous trees interspersed.

Ms. Jackson said option 1, I was wondering if we could discuss maybe splitting that in two. It seems like the sound system, which I feel really should be a priority, probably right after buffering, is in with bleachers and press box. If the bleachers and the press box are considered an option, maybe a booster club option or a separate option, can we list separately the sound system. Because there's basically none at this time. And though I know if makes more sense to do both together, I don't know if anyone agrees with me, maybe have two separate line items. Just because I think that having a sound system that is…well that actually exists. Unlike what we have now, a bull horn yelling. I don't want that tied in with bleachers and press box. Anyone else agree or disagree?

Mr. Neagle responded, I think maybe it's two levels. Maybe there's a base PA system. If we end up doing the bleachers, it's an upgrade. That would make sense.

Ms. Jackson agreed, yeah. I'm just thinking. I just don't want it to be kind of put under the rug and everyone saying we have all this great buffering and everything is great but we can hear at my house across town on Michelle Lane because it's a big bull horn.

Mr. Roise answered right now we're carrying thirty grand for a PA system. That PA system is not top of the line. It's kind of middle road. But, it'll be a huge improvement over what you've got now. Like you said, what you've got now is a couple bull horns.

Ms. Jackson asked we can do that system without the press box and bleachers. Not that I don't want either of those, I'm just saying. We can do it without it?

Mr. Roise responded we can carry that number. What we have to do as the engineers is look at where that goes. Because right now I think that would have to go in concessions. Either that or it would have to be a portable system that you plug in somewhere. We have to look at that.

Ms. Jackson answered, I'm just saying. I think the sound system makes a lot of sense.

Mr. Jadovich said, I just want to ask one question. In your experience, when you've done something similar to this, and you've done the buffering along the main roads where the homes are, what has been the response generally from the people who live in those homes? Have they ever come back with any negative feedback?

Mr. Roise responded, other than having to maintain it? Or make sure to keep after the school to maintain the fence or landscaping, no? The big complaint is going to come from the maintenance guys at the school.

Mr. Neagle added well they don't have to mow the fields, so.

Mr. Roise said, so this is the base project. The final numbers…some of the options. We're not calling them alternates. We're calling them options. Depending on how you want to go with it. We can move things up into what we're calling the base project. Again, if you want to add buffering or take out the PA system as part of your motion, I can certainly educate that motion further so we know what numbers we're getting into. But being able to have a motion on this today, hopefully you feel we can do that will allow us to start doing the real engineering on the project.

Ms. Jackson asked about the second field. Mr. Magrini added where's the second field.

Mr. Roise answered second field. Sorry.

Ms. Jackson continued I thought we had decided many, many meetings ago that it was going to be part of the base project. It fell out, which shocked me when I read everything again. Many things shocked me.

Mr. Roise responded, it fell out because of the Town Council resolution. Again, you can vote it back in. What this committee votes on is what this committee votes on. The north field as an option – the base project basically includes the same synthetic turf detail as the main field. The expense all around, does not include lighting, but it does include the conduit to put in and the groundwork to put in. Laying the future, is doable. Fairly inexpensive insurance as putting in the conduit. Just to be upfront, it's a small size field, perfect size for field hockey. Too small for lacrosse. Too small for soccer. But for community games, or community use it's certainly a good field for that. We're not proposing any bleachers, walks or amenities, other than putting in the conduit for future lighting. The base option for the north field. If the north field is going to be added to the base project, we'd want to see you carry 1.124 million dollars for this field.

Ms. Jackson added I thought we discussed, again all these things were on it and then they fell off, with regard to the fact that the fence was going to be higher.

Mr. Roise responded that the fence at the end zone is 8 feet out.

Ms. Jackson replied okay.

Mr. Roise added so that's what we want to see you carry for this option.

Ms. Jackson said again this field is used more. Ruth can attest to that. It's used all the time for spring as well as field hockey. If it wasn't used, the 70 plus girls that play field hockey now are going to have to use the other field. You cannot play field hockey on grass. We're the only town that plays, in the entire state. We would either need to rent a turf field somewhere else or kind of move football off. You're going to need that turf.

Mr. Droppo added, because my comment is this is more like the buffering. This was always…I always thought included and things got blown up a little bit going back to the basics. And I wasn't here, I'm sorry I wasn't here last meeting. I just want to open it up to discussion if it's not going to be included in the base project that it's highly recommended if you will to the Town Council. I don't know if you can present it in that fashion. But, I don't know how it works. If we add in 1.1 million, I don't want it to derail the whole project either. If they're going to say we can do this, this and this. I actually don't know how this process works, but I still feel...

Mr. Jadovich added that I just have to. I'm sorry. I think that as a committee, if we bring something to the Council in excess of $5,000,000, they are going to freak. There is no way, absolutely no way, that this is going to go through. Period. It's not going to happen. I guarantee you.

Mr. Ponziani said Brandon, just address the finances.

Mr. Robertson said the best I can. So the finances for this project, as we've discussed all along. There is nothing approved for this project. What there is, is general discussions, long range, not approved, subject to change, debt management plan – is $1.5 million for recreation for fields and recreation facilities. So we have a lot of needs out there for which this doesn't solve for in terms of recreation infrastructure. For those of you on the Recreation Subcommittee know that. We had construction documents prepared since about 2011 to expand at Fisher Meadows. The discussion with the Council has always been that to the extent that this project goes forward, it has to be a partnership, just like the library. So conceptually you have three links – town funding, state funding, don't laugh, number three you've got money that's coming from private fundraisers. What the town may do in a situation like this is to say again, just like the library, go forward. If it passes at referendum, if it goes that far, you lock in a bond authorization for the Town. No more than $1.5 million. The balance if the committee approves a project of $5,000,000, the balance falls on fundraisers, state and private grants, other sources of funding. The town may have to define the amount that it's going to contribute to the project. At some point, if those sources of funding aren't forthcoming or if they are limited and not sufficient to complete the total scope as defined by the committee, you're going to have to do some picking and choosing anyway. Because you won't have enough money to get it done. My recommendation, at this point, in the interest of moving this along, is just to follow Council's direction. They are expecting to see the base project, which has been defined, which doesn't include the second field. It doesn't include bleachers at this point or a PA system. It's a base project. Include the buffering, the additional buffering, if everybody feels that's a priority and then go through and prioritize on the options. You know. Think about it. Are you going to put in option 1 as a field to the board? When Myles, is telling is now that we're going to get equipment for this facility. We're not going to have a place to put it. We are going to have a brand new track with lighting, state of the art everything and we're going to have rusty soccer goals and equipment because we prioritized a field to the north over $79,000 for the new equipment that's necessary to meet the needs of the field. This isn't an easy project. That's why I said at the beginning it's a heavy lift. You can't go back to Council and say we want it all. You've got to prioritize.

Ms. Jackson added but we also, what we're being told we have to do lighting and for 12 events a year.

Mr. Robertson replied it's the Council's decision. They've defined it.

Ms. Roberson added are you saying…I need some clarification. Because I was at that meeting too and I was trying to find the minutes. Are you saying, on record, that the Town Council has told you that there has to be lights at that field?

Mr. Robertson responded I read it at the beginning of the meeting. He noted that a lot of the add-ons will depend on pricing and funding. Chairman Zacchio commented that as a base you have to do a field and 6 or 8 lane track. His opinion would be to add lights with a reasonable use policy and beyond that is an add alternate (stand, press boxes, second field, etc.). Chairman Zacchio asked the Council if they agree. The Council concurred. So that sentence right there, that's where I took that language and prepared a resolution appointing a subcommittee that was approved at the next meeting. It was very deliberate being the facility - base, lights, field, track. Options identified specifically in the minutes – stand, press boxes, second field and the second element of the charge, the facility use policy, which we haven't talked about yet. But, we'll be talking about it at the next meeting and future meetings.

Ms. Roberson responded I think it's just interpretation.

Mr. Robertson said it's not. It's clear.

Ms. Roberson added you just read it. You just said the base, and the field, whatever. And then you said, in his opinion, so I'm no trying to…

Mr. Robertson replied no, no, no. Chairman Zacchio asked the Council if they agreed. The Council concurred. So if the Council's actions, which was translated into the appointing resolution creating the subcommittee. Not independently. The Council's decision.

Mr. Ponziani clarified the Town Council's and Mr. Robertson confirmed the Town Council's.

Ms. Roberson well I do think the way we're going, I'd rather have a second field over lights. I'd rather have conduits.

Mr. Robertson replied but that's not what the Council asked.

Ms. Roberson replied I understand but didn't you say…

Mr. Donovan responded, no, it never happened. That's where we got off track.

Mr. Neagle added we did. But every motion that was presented at the last meeting included lights. What we did is I think Peter came up with the idea, let's try and try and set some order of precedence which I think is in keeping with the charge and I think the motions all included lighting. We set an order of precedence based on six weeks of meetings. Here. We didn't come to a solution. We couldn't agree on it. But I think that's why at least we have all the other Committee members here. We know that as you said Brandon that these fields, either one or both of them, don't solve the problems in Avon, CT. We understand that. By virtue of simply turfing the main

field, we'll get extended use. I mean, in and of itself. There will be extended use. If we are able and lucky enough to turf the second field, we get extended use. Correct? I mean I think we all agree on that. Extended playing time, wet weather doesn't affect it as much, availability, and all of that stuff. So, I've tabled this and some of the other people have glommed on to it a little bit that in my opinion, remains the same. If we were going to establish an order of precedence, my order of precedence would be turf field 1, turf field 2. Now we sway a little bit here as far as bleachers and then lights. When I say lights, I include the buffering on West Avon Road. In my opinion, with contingency, with lights, with all that other stuff, if we move that to the back end, we get field 2. The lights are going to cost us a half a million dollars. The contingency is $400,000 for one of the projects. The buffering along West Avon Road, if we don't put the lights on, we don't really need the buffering on West Avon Road. That's the second field. I think that extends play. I think that opens up more opportunity for the kids in this town. I might be alone. But as I said earlier on when we were talking, if people on this Committee think that's the way we should go, than that's the way the Committee goes. If they don't, they don't.

Mr. Droppo said I think there was just some message that was clear to all of us that when you break it down, Zacchio made a statement. Quickly 4 or 5, 6 people probably agreed and they moved on. That was set in stone. I think that's probably the part that we're all struggling with. The mission statement is these three…

Ms. Jackson added I agree. We've been spending hours and hours, and we've been dissecting it far more than that quick statement. We've spent hours and hours at home analyzing.

Mr. Droppo agreed that I don't know where we're going to get to because that happened.

Mt. Jadovich responded that was the foundation of our task.

Mr. Ponziani added there's a procedure.

Mr. Droppo responded I get it. I think that's where some of this frustration. I'm just clarifying that's what it was. And now we're trying to open up something that's already been closed. I think we can only do that is by making different motions and it goes back to them to decide, ultimately.

Mr. Ponziani said so we've got a base bid here. Based upon the discussion, it appears to me that there is a consensus to add additional buffering

Mr. Neagle replied if it derails and lighting is not part of the project because of budgetary concerns.

Ms. Checko added well I just wanted to make sure that in my letter that I sent out as a cover letter to this meeting, again, just to repeat what Brandon's been pointing to, at the March 3, 2016 Town Council, the project will include at a minimum a new all-weather main multi-purpose turf field, a track and field lighting, at a minimum.

Ms. Roberson asked at a minimum? At a reasonable, adequate, neighborly consideration, I think we've all agreed on the Council.

Ms. Checko responded, I'm not saying anything about buffering. I'm just making sure that we're fulfilling the minimum requirements.

Ms. Roberson replied it sounds like we have and we're all in agreement that a motion is put forth that buffering for all of West Avon and buffering for all of Sudbury Way, not just adequate, but appropriate buffering is available. And thank you. It sounds like everyone's saying that's what we want.

Mr. Ponziani said but the buffering, we can't start putting adjectives. It's already been described.

Ms. Roberson responded I added an adjective. I apologize.

VOTE: Mr. Neagle said I guess I can say it again…my motion would be that the base project include buffering along Sudbury Way and along West Avon Road if field lighting is installed on the project.

Mr. Roise said it would include the extended buffering shown on the plan and buffering for the full frontage of West Avon Road.

Mr. Ponziani replied full frontage meaning?

Mr. Roise responded from the north driveway to the property corner south of that.

Mr. Ponziani asked if that's what this Committee wants to do.

Mr. Magrini seconded the motion.

Mr. Donovan asked who motioned and Mr. Magrini said that Mr. Neagle motioned. I motioned 45 minutes ago. It's a pretty simple one guys. Can we move on with something? I do have to leave in 5 minutes. So, I would like to get to a vote of some kind.

Mr. Ponziani asked all in favor of adding the buffering to the base project and everyone said aye. He asked if anyone opposed, no one responded. Okay, it passed. Now we have to deal with options.

VI. <u>ACTION: OPTIONS</u>

Mr. Donovan responded that we have to prioritize options.

Mr. Ponziani stated that we got number 4 out because that's now part of the base project. Does anyone have a problem with accepting the other options as listed?

Ms. Jackson said that she'd put the north field first.

Mr. Neagle said that he's going to make another motion if I may. May I? My motion has to do with an order of precedence. My motion would include that the base bid include field 1 with the buffering, with the basic PA system, with the failsafe design.

Mr. Ponziani stated we already voted and Mr. Neagle said we didn't vote on failsafe design.

Mr. Ponziani responded that we voted on the base project.

Mr. Roise added that you voted on the base project as presented here, which is the failsafe design.

Mr. Neagle said we didn't vote on that and Mr. Donovan said yes we did.

Mr. Neagle asked when did we vote on that and Mr. Donovan said just now.

Mr. Neagle asked did we vote on that? Mr. Magrini answered it's all the base. We just added buffering.

Mr. Magrini said so I guess we're not going to get field 2. Mr. Donovan responded field 2 was never a part of the base. Our task could be as option 1, the second field. As option 2, the press box. As option 3, the additional. That's where you're stuck on, where you're concerns come in as our recommendations to the town. That's what we're here to decide on.

Mr. Neagle asked so we did decide that the failsafe is correct. I know we discussed it, but apparently we need to vote on everything. So failsafe is the correct.

Mr. Ponziani asked how do people feel about the option priority?

Mr. Neagle answered field 2.

Mr. Droppo added that I wasn't here for that meeting. It sounds like there was also a discussion, you mentioned for 2. Was there an ever an option, I know this is different than the scope, for no lights and 2 fields?

Both Ms. Jackson and Ms. Roberson said yes, absolutely.

Mr. Droppo said that he read the minutes and there was all sorts of talk about that. I just didn't know if did it ultimately just go back to the scope of fields, track, lights?

Mr. Neagle added that's what he was planning to propose, but I was told there was already a vote.

Ms. Jackson said our task was not completely outlined, for me. So I thought we were here to talk about best use and we had discussed that fields 1 and 2 were much more of a priority than lights. The directive now, I guess we have to change…without the directive, I feel that we all feel that we felt, because we're speaking to Coach Filon, all the other coaches at the school really what the priority to turf both fields because of the massive amount of use on that second field, even more than field 1.

Mr. Droppo said even going back to this, 1A would be the north field.

Mr. Robertson stated, Peter can I just make one small point. I want to make it clear. The direction to this Committee has been consistent. Nothing's changed. Number 2, I don't know where 12 nights a year is coming from. I know that's being discussed or thrown around. To my knowledge the Committee hasn't even discussed that yet.

Mr. Neagle replied it's been discussed. It just hasn't been voted on.

Mr. Robertson responded, so it hasn't been voted on. Like I said at the beginning of the meeting, we've been running around doing staff meetings to come up with some recommendations that will be the focus of discussion at your next meeting. Just a point of clarification. I also want to point this out to the Committee because I know that this is what Council's concern is. The Council is going to say, again, going back to the charge that was adopted when this Committee was appointed. If you go to item #4 when we talk about programming, operations, utilization of the site, the second sentence – the impact on the residents in the surrounding area will be considered. So, we're being true to that by adapting the first phase that includes the additional buffering. But, we're going to be going back to the Council in terms of our options with a recommendation that the second field be a higher priority than a new PA system, than bleachers, than an equipment storage shed. We have no place to store the new equipment that's going to be necessary to maintain the field. Council may look at it and say, help us understand this.

Mr. Ponziani said, so Dave's got to get out of here. I'm going to make a motion now. I move that the options, we're taking out #4, #4 is now part of the base. My motion is that we accept the options in priority as listed with #4 now becoming turfing the north field.

Ms. Jackson said no. What I'm thinking is that first of all, you took out, you just included a base PA system.

Mr. Roise said that's probably the next motion to include a base PA system in the base bid, in the base project for $30,000.

Ms. Jackson replied I thought you had said that.

Mr. Neagle said I thought you were carrying $30,000 already.

Mr. Roise clarified, we're carrying $30,000 under bleachers and press box because we don't have a place to put it.

Mr. Donovan said you can't do a new PA system if we don't have any place to put it.

Mr. Roise answered that we can consider doing it. We have to do our homework as far as can we put it in the concessions or is it a portable system that you plug in.

VOTE: Mr. Neagle motioned that some basic PA system be included in the base bid. Mr. Magrini seconded the motion. Mr. Ponziani asked all in favor, everyone responded aye. The motion passed.

VOTE: Mr. Ponziani said now we can go to my motion. My motion is to accept the options as listed. #4 is now part of the base bid. We'll replace #4 with turfing the north field. Mr. Magrini seconded the motion. Mr. Ponziani asked all in favor, four responded aye. The motion carries.

Mr. Ponziani asked are we done?

Mr. Roise responded to your point should they clarify why they made the choices they made, as far as Council is concerned?

Mr. Droppo responded I think so. I think it's going to be critical. Does all this get presented to them?

Mr. Robertson responded, it will. We've got the motions. You've approved the motions. In the end, as we've done twice before, it's going to be reported to the Council. At the Chair's discretion, you may want to get some background Peter about what the Committee's discussed.

Ms. Roberson asked will this be presented at the next Town Council meeting?

Mr. Robertson responded, unlikely. I haven't put together the agenda. We had a special meeting coming up on the 26th and 27th because we had to cancel July. Most likely it's going to be September. Honestly, I have to think about it.

Mr. Donovan said we're not ready yet. We still haven't gone through a use policy.

Ms. Roberson said it could even be October or November.

Mr. Robertson replied, no I don't think. It's up to you. If it takes that long to come up with a use policy. If anything for the next meeting, I'll add it to the managers reports and give a quick couple of sentences. The Committee continues to meet. They're taking action on the base and the options. Now they're tackling use.

Mr. Donovan added that personally I hope that we're at that point where we can give you our recommended field use policy before you go in front of the Town Council. As one package, this is the base bid, plus options and here is the use case.

Mr. Robertson replied I think reporting back on the whole charge would be the wise option.

Mr. Ponziani asked about the next meeting.

Ms. Checko responded that she would recommend August 8th. I'm on vacation next week so that would give Eric and Brandon and I a chance.

Mr. Ponziani responded I'm on vacation.

Ms. Checko asked how about August 1st?

Mr. Magrini responded I'm not available the first two weeks of August.

Ms. Checko said the 15th would be the 3rd Monday.

Mr. Magrini said the 15th is the Robbie Briscoe Memorial Tournament.

Ms. Checko said the 22nd would be the 4th Monday.

Mr. Donovan asked do we have to meet on a Monday?

Ms. Checko replied that was Peter's schedule. So the first two weeks, we'll say that we're out. So the week of the 15th, Tuesday the 16th? Do you have a calendar in your head? I'm impressed.

Mr. Magrini responded I do. I know where I am.

Mr. Neagle added there's not a lot of stuff on it, that's why.

Ms. Checko said Tuesday the 16th at 7:00 AM. And then I would say, let's set up another one – Tuesday, August 30th at 7:00 AM. Do we want a third, just in case? Tuesday, September 13th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

VOTE: Mr. Ponziani asked for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Droppo motioned, Mr. Neagle seconded and all agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 AM. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 AM.

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Peter Ponziani, *Chairman*

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Usha Srivel, *Clerk*