

THE AHS SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD & TRACK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF AVON HELD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019 AT THE AVON TOWN HALL

Present were Mark Zacchio, Todd Donovan, Jason Indomenico, and David Jadovich. Also present were Grace Tiezzi, Assistant to the Town Manager, and Larry Baril, Town Engineer.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Zacchio called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Todd Donovan made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2019 meeting. Mr. Jadovich seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no communications from the audience.

IV. PROJECT STATUS/SCHEDULE UPDATES

Mr. Zacchio mentioned that the project is on track. He stated that the AHS bushes will be potentially relocated to center field, and there was a change order for that. He noted that the Town has been using a lot of the material leaving the site, such as the turf and millings from the track.

There was some discussion about noise complaints, and Mr. Zacchio noted that thankfully, there hadn't been any complaints about noise coming from trucks going to the landfill.

In response to a question from Mr. Jadovich, Ms. Tiezzi stated that the Town took about a thousand square feet of sod to use on the baseball fields at Sperry Park, and also to fix up the fields at Fisher Meadows due to some issues with sprinkler heads.

Ms. Tiezzi proceeded to explain that the erosion and sedimentation controls are all set. The construction fencing has gone up on certain parts of the site, and the rest will go up as demolition work continues. She stated that Mountain View has started stripping the topsoil and demoing the track, and also reiterated that the millings went to Public Works and the turf went to Sperry Park. She added that this week, they are going to be doing a GPS layout. They will also be conducting test pits near the former septic system location at some point.

Ms. Tiezzi also stated that this week, the stairs around the back side of the football field will be closed off and construction fencing will be going up in that area. A couple of trees are going to be removed at the top of the slope where the AHS hedges are. About five trees have been flagged and will be taken down after ten days, per Town ordinance.

The AHS hedges will be relocated to center field, around the side of the slope where they are currently situated. It was brought to the Town's attention that this was an Eagle Scout project, so they would like to preserve them.

Mr. Jadovich asked if the Eagle Scout has been notified. To which Ms. Tiezzi responded that she did not know. Mr. Zacchio added that he doesn't know who did it. Ms. Tiezzi stated that Dave Magrini was the one who brought it to their attention, so she will ask him if he knows. Mr. Jadovich stated that the Eagle Scout should be notified, just as a courtesy.

Ms. Tiezzi indicated that they are still waiting on a change order to move the AHS bushes, and that the contractor will do it on a time and materials basis. She noted that it should be pretty nominal.

Ms. Tiezzi explained that, according to the contractor, next week there will be some noticeable changes onsite. They will be starting earthwork, cuts and fills. The Town will also be working with Mountain View to select their subcontractors who will provide the turf system.

On April 22, Mountain View held interviews with their top two contenders who met the criteria that they haven't had a failed field. This ultimately resulted in the selection of a vendor called Green Fields. They installed a field very similar to ours in South Windsor that has been successful. Ms. Tiezzi noted that Peter Ponziani sat in on those interviews and had a lot of excellent questions and provided great insight.

In response to a question from Mr. Donovan about the base of the track, Ms. Tiezzi answered that it will be stripped and stockpiled onsite next week.

There was some discussion about the base being left in place and being tested to see if it's suitable for the next track.

In response to a question from Mr. Indomenico, Ms. Tiezzi confirmed that the project is on track and on schedule, despite the weather.

V. BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Tiezzi proceeded to discuss the budget. She referred to an expenditure summary that had been emailed to the Committee. They budgeted for the Mountain View contract, plus the add alternates and the first change order for the lighting bases. This brings the contract value to \$2.6 million. After further review, they are budgeting about \$286,000 for soft costs associated with running the Building Committee, Jesse Harris' services from BSC Group, and attorney's fees. That leaves them with \$108,000 for contingency.

Ms. Tiezzi informed the Committee that the Town received the first application for payment from Mountain View yesterday. She noted that all applications for payment are reviewed and approved by the architect before they are sent to the Town. Jesse Harris reviews them all and signs off. Prior to them coming to the Town, Mr. Harris works out any discrepancies between what he sees and what the contractor is claiming.

Ms. Tiezzi stated that this first payment was for \$85,000. She stated that she will continue to update the sheet going forward so that the Committee can see how they are working toward the \$2.95 million appropriation.

Mr. Donovan asked if they have noticed any issues with the plot as of yet. To which Mr. Baril answered that it is still too early to tell because most of what they have done is just top layer stripping. Until they start mass excavation, they won't know of any issues. Mr. Baril also noted that he doesn't believe they are at huge risk for any issues.

There was some discussion about the location of the old septic system.

Mr. Jadovich asked about what happens should they come in under budget. Mr. Zacchio explained that the Town just wouldn't bond as much. Ms. Tiezzi added that there was discussion about this at the January 29th meeting of the Town Council, if anyone is interested in reading those minutes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Indomenico motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Donovan seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Ponziani, Vice Chair/Secretary

Attest: Sitara Gnanaguru, Clerk