



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE
Merrimack School District
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Minutes
October 24, 2011

Present: G. Perry, S. Heinrich, R. Hendricks, F. Rothhaus, D. Powell and School Board Liaison
G. Markwell
Excused: L. Rothhaus.

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

Approval of Prior Minutes

D. Powell made a MOTION to approve the minutes of September 26, 2011 as corrected.
Second: S. Heinrich. MOTION PASSED: 5– 0 – 0.

Athletics Fields

R. Hendricks told the Committee that the School Board had approved a formal charge for the Committee related to athletic fields and including the track and noted that the due date for a report from the Committee was March 2012.

Discussion included the following:

- The need to know current condition and usage of both the football field and the track.
- Must the track and football field must be renovated simultaneously or can they be separate projects?
- Need information on the various turf options – cost, installation, upkeep, utilization issues, etc.
- Could/should a dome be considered?
- “Area” fields that might be visited or used for reference: Bedford High School, Nashua/Stellos Stadium, “Sportsplex” in Bedford, Concord (MA) High School, Governor’s Academy (Byfield, MA), Keene State College.
- Whether the MYA might be interested in helping fund and/or help raising funds for the project if they would be able to use the field.
- Whether the due date of March 2012 was realistic.

Members noted that fixing the track may be a number one priority but agreed that the first order of business was to define terms, and then learn

1. Current condition of the track and football field
2. What needs to be done.
3. Suggestions about what school officials would like.
4. Estimated usage of the track and field once repaired.
5. What is currently done to maintain the track field
6. Current cost to maintain the field

R. Hendricks and D. Powell agreed to contact the Tom Tousseau, Maintenance Director, and Bill Mayo, Athletic Director, to get information about the current conditions of the track and field as well as a history of what (and when) repairs had been done. In addition, both will request contact information for counterparts for the other fields/districts mentioned as possible resources.

Other

G. Markwell told the Committee that the School Board has suggested that the Committee consider having its meeting taped for cable.

Members again discussed the pros and cons of this idea, noting that the Committee is an elected body, the public is welcome to attend meetings but rarely does, and that the Committee has nothing to hide.

By consensus, members agreed to take 5 minutes at the next meeting to bring up and resolve this issue.

Next Meeting

R. Hendricks announced that representatives from Sullivan would attend the next meeting on the Committee, which will be held on November 14th, to discuss green construction and cost estimates.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: G. Perry. MOTION PASSED.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich