## **TOWN OF OXFORD**

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## MINUTES of OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL DIAMOND PROJECT Committee Meeting

July 10, 2014

A meeting of the Town of Oxford, Oxford High School Diamond Project Committee (the "Committee") was held at Town Hall in Oxford, CT on July 10, 2014. Jim Michaud, Paolo Dell'Oso, Greg Baktis, Vickie Mahoney, Jim O'Connell Jr, John Gramesty, and constituting Members of the Committee, and Brian Hourigan (Liaison) participated. Absent from the meeting were Francis Keithline, Ken Chudoba, Dan Kudej and Greg Kaether. In attendance by invitation was George Baktis. Mr. Michaud served as Chairman and Mr. Greg Baktis served as Secretary of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. ET.

- 1. **Notice of Meeting or Waiver**. It was noted that 6 of 10 Committee members were in attendance and a meeting quorum was present.
- 2. **New Business Matters**. The members discussed safety concerns that have been observed or brought to their attention at the Oxford High School Baseball and Softball fields for which the following items were identified:

**Field Locations.** The Committee is satisfied that the present field locations should remain as the cost of changing would be prohibitive.

Irrigation/Field of play. The Committee has concluded that irrigation system for both fields is critical to on-going maintenance and will seek quotes for complete systems.

**Dugouts.** The Committee has concluded that both fields require dugouts and will seek assistance to gain a design.

Fencing. The Committee agrees that fencing height of the outfields and location of softball field's fences are not ideal. However, the Committee

has concluded that the current fencing does not pose a significant safety risk to the players nor does it significantly alter the outcome of the game. As such, the Committee has concluded that the fencing is satisfactory at this point and time.

**Lighting.** The Committee will consider the cost and process to add lighting to the fields.

**Restrooms**. The schools restrooms are not in close proximity to the fields or available for use in the summer months when the field is being used for town recreation games. This poses a problem for the athletes, umpires and attendees. The Committee will evaluate permanent options versus the current portable solution currently available.

Covered Structure. There is no covered structured for athlete and other participants when weather conditions warrant a stoppage in play. With heightened security, the school is not an option during non-school hours, week-ends or summer months. The current shed is not adequate for these purposes.

The Committee will evaluate an option of a press box/concession stand to provide for immediate shelter and also serve the purpose of providing more storage, revenue source and atmosphere to the complex.

3. Public Comment. None.

4. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m. ET.

Greg Baktis, Secretary