

# TOWN OF OXFORD

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## **MINUTES of OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL DIAMOND PROJECT Committee Meeting**

**May 15, 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 May 1, 2014. Jim Michaud, Paolo Dell'Oso, Greg Baktis, Vickie Mahoney, Francis Keithline, Ken Chudoba, Jim O'Connell Jr, Dan Kudej, John Gramesty, and Greg Kaether, Brian Hourigan (Liaison) constituting Members of the Committee, participated. Absent from the meeting 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 7:34 p.m. ET.

1. **Notice of Meeting or Waiver.** It was noted that 11 of 12 Committee members were in attendance and a meeting quorum was present.
2. **Old Business:**
  - i. Jim Michaud has been in contact with the Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS) to assist in the execution of the project. Resources may be made available to assist in project construction as part of a student's academic program.
  - ii. John Gramesty was not successful in obtaining the most recent athletic field site plans from the Town Clerk and/or Engineer. Chairman will try to Obtain a plan through other avenues.
3. **New Business Matters.**

Chairman requested committee members to volunteer to help prepare a presentation in detailing the marketing plan that will explain goals and benefits of what the Diamond project committee is looking to achieve. Ken, Dan , and Chairman will take on this task.

Chairman would like plan to be presented to Board of finance during the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup> would like to meet with First Selectman George Temple prior to Board of Finance Presentation

Chairman would like for committee to start forming a list of Local people and or businesses that are willing to donate and or support this project in the effort of providing a safer area for everyone involved.

Greg Kaether organized a meeting a Meeting with Marc D'Andrea of Aqua Turf Irrigation to discuss issues with the fields and get some ideas what we need to look to do :

#### Player-Fan Safety/Moving Softball Home Plate

- Possible locations of new home plate area would be in left field or current location of first base stands.
- Cost of a new backstop would be approximately double what Moving existing backstop would cost
- Alternative option would be to use golf netting to increase the height of the baseball and softball backstops to stop more balls. We would need a netting/fence company for a price quote.

#### Irrigation

- Pressure needed is about 70-90 PSI and flow is approximately 10 gallons/minute. This would allow for irrigation of one field at a time. An additional pump would be needed if the current water supply does not meet these criteria.

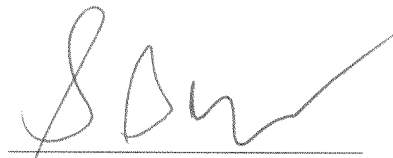
Irrigation was deemed to be the most important improvement because any other field improvement would be wasted over time without an irrigation system

#### Playing Surfaces

- \$650-\$750 for detailed analysis of field dimensions/layout/needed adjustments
- Need to get quotes on Baseball infield sod approximately, Complete remake of baseball infield (batters boxes, mound, infield sod, level) , various options for outfield grass improvements. Filling low spots  
Sod or seeding has its own timeline for the treatment to take and be playable. Sod is the fastest option for the fields to be ready for play.

4. **Public Comment.** None.

5. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:26 p.m. ET.

  
Greg Baktis, Secretary

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Margaret A. Clark  
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