



**Softball Field Renovation Committee**  
**Milton, New Hampshire**  
**Minute of the Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 6, 2016**  
**Town Hall**

**Board Members Present:** Bob Adams, Fred Cameron, Pat Smith, John Katwick, Michelle Beauchamp, Doug Shute, Karen Brown, Andy Rawson, and Jane Weymouth

Additional Attendees: Student Rep. from Nute High School, Devon Hurley & Editor of the Lebanon Voice, Harrison Thorp.

The meeting was opened at 1:03 pm, with the pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 28th meeting were reviewed.

- John Katwick motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Doug Shute. Motion passed.

Financial Review: Karen Brown shared the current financial statement with the group. An anonymous donor came forward and donated \$1,600.00 to pay for the water hook-up to the elementary school. With that donation and additional monies raised, the committee now has adequate funding to pay for the water hook-up and to pay CAN Construction for the loam that was purchased.

- Doug Shute motioned to pay CAN Construction \$2,000 dollars for invoice #TOM-001 for 7 loads of loam, seconded by Fred Cameron. Motion passed.

To date after these two bills are paid, the only outstanding bill the committee has is the \$4,800.00 owed to Gilford Well for the irrigation system. The group will now focus on paying that bill as quickly as possible. The fencing will be the focus after that.

John Katwick also shared with the group that once this field was completed that the intention of the group would be to begin to develop an additional multi-purpose field in Milton Mills for the purpose of additional sports programs for the kids such as soccer, football and potentially Lacrosse. When the group approached the selectman, it was with the intention to continue to fundraise as a group and any monies remaining after the completion of the softball field, will remain in the account and the monies raised will go towards the development of future fields. John quoted what Fred Cameron had stated at a previous school board meeting "If we only save one child from getting into trouble, then all the hard work has been more than worth it." It was the consensus of the group that all of this has been for the children of Milton and that they will continue to move forward with their efforts on behalf of the children who will use the field today, and for the children who will use the fields in the future.

Media Outreach: Editor of the Lebanon Voice, Harrison Thorp joined the group to get some background on the project to put a piece in his on-line newspaper. The group shared the background of how the group was formed and the mission of the group. Harrison is planning on putting an article in his paper in the next couple of days. Michelle contacted the Fosters, but the girl who used to do the Milton news articles is no longer there. Another contact from the Fosters, Mike Whaley was contacted and offered to do a phone interview. Jane Weymouth knows Mike Whaley so she will follow up with him, and invite him to join us at the spaghetti

dinner. John shared that he has had some very good feedback from the public on the progress of the field and the work of the committee. John stated that this has been the best community collaborative project that he has had the pleasure of being part of in the past 50 years, and that the committee and the school should be proud of their efforts.

Student Representative: Devon Hurley shared with the group the efforts to date that she has put into organizing the community spaghetti dinner fundraiser. She has contacted several organizations for help with donations for the dinner. She has had very positive responses and has several donations coming in to help off-set the costs of the dinner. The girls' softball players will be present to help serve the dinner and Kelly Barca from the "Women of the Moose" will be helping with the actual cooking of the dinner. She is also organizing a slide show to showcase the development of the field. Devon shared that it was important for her and her fellow students to see what the town and the school are doing for them with the development of the field so that they can appreciate the efforts being made on their behalf. Pat Smith spoke for the group and thanked Devon for stepping up as an ambassador for her fellow students and also for her help in the fundraising efforts of the committee. Pat shared that the committee was available to support Devon in her efforts and told her that the committee was available to help her in any way that we can.

Fred Cameron shared that the Women of the Moose has cancelled their regular Wednesday night's club dinner and invited their regular patrons to attend the community dinner instead, and Doug Shute shared that the school board delayed their regular meeting that night to be able to attend the dinner as well.

Facebook: The committee discussed the development of a dedicated Facebook page for the development of the fields. It would be another way in which the group could keep the public up-to-date on the fundraising efforts and continue to share with them the actual development of the field. Jane Weymouth will begin to work on developing the Facebook page. There are plenty of pictures from the beginning of the project forward that can be used for the page. Several committee members will send pictures along so that they can be used.

Fundraising signs: Most of the materials for the signs have been donated by both Fred Cameron and John Katwick. John has been working on building and painting the signs, and Billy Paquette from BP Signs is currently working on the lettering of the signs. Billy gave the committee a substantial discount on pricing and the committee was very appreciative of that. John Katwick is donating the cost of both the signs. The committee thanked him for his generosity.

Postage: The selectmen approved the postage for the fundraising letters. Karen Brown has postage in her recreation account that can cover the cost of the fundraising letters. The cost of the postage will be taken out of that line.

Donations: The committee discussed the fundraising letters and the possibility of getting a large donation from a corporate sponsor. The thought of the committee was, that if a large donation came into play (over \$5,000) then the committee would have to forward the donation on to the Milton School Board for their acceptance and to hold a public hearing. Large donations need to be accepted by the taxpayers at a legal hearing. Doug Shute was going to add that to the next school board agenda so they can discuss it and we can get a plan in place in the event that we get a good response back from a corporation. The group also discussed the need for a non-

profit Tax ID#, Jane Weymouth will get the number for Michelle so that she can complete the corporate letters and get them in the mail.

Calendar Winners: Jane Weymouth shared that the calendar winners were drawn at the school lunches on Friday. Jane provided a list of the winners, which will be attached to these minutes. Winner will be posted on the town website and assorted Facebook pages. Cash winner will be processed through the town bookkeeper and checks will be sent directly to them. The calendar was successful and the group raised just under \$2,000.00.

Dugouts: There are a couple of Eagle Scouts that might be interested in building the dugouts as part of their Eagle Scout Projects. If both the boys decline to use them as their Eagle Projects, then the boy scouts have expressed interest in building them. Most of the materials for the dugouts have been or are going to be donated. John and Fred will be sharing the responsibility of overseeing the building of the dugouts. The group will be reaching out to area concrete companies to see if we can get the concrete pads donated or at least at cost. The estimate of the concrete was roughly around \$1,500.00 per pad with excavation and pouring. The group will continue to reach out for donations to be ready to go as soon as we get the fencing in place.

Irrigation: The plan is to continue water the field until this coming Friday, and then Fred can fertilize the field for the winter. The water line will need to be winterized before too long before we get a freeze. Bob Adams and Fred will oversee that.

Michelle Beauchamp motioned to close the meeting at 2:05, seconded by John Katwick.

Meeting adjourned: 2:05.

Next meeting to be announced at a later date.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted;

Karen J. Brown  
Town of Milton  
Recreation Director

Minutes Approved, Date: \_\_\_\_\_