

AD HOC ATHLETIC FIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The first general meeting was held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting Notes:

Ms. Bae reviewed the proposed Norms and Standards for the Committee. These are as follows:

- We will listen respectfully to one another even when we do not agree.
- We will not interrupt each other.
- We will be brief and to the point when speaking, giving everyone a chance to speak.
- We will ask questions when in doubt.
- We will address conflict by dealing with the issue, not the person.

These Norms and Standards were adopted by the Committee via a unanimous vote.

Mr. Brier reviewed the Open Meetings Act and how it relates to the work of the Committee.

The Committee reviewed its charge (see below) and acknowledged its commitment to complete its work within one year. Additionally, it was noted that the reference to Victory Field as the only possible location for a contemplated turf field has been removed.

Charge:

1. *To explore the improvement, maintenance and acquisition of athletic fields, and to provide a detailed report and recommendations to the Town Council and to the School Committee.*
2. *To research the cost, environmental and health impacts of artificial turf fields and to provide a detailed report and recommendations to the Town Council and to the School Committee.*

Introductions were made. Each member in attendance had an opportunity to share their particular interest in the work of the Committee, and any observations they may have made re specific field(s). Subcommittees were formed to facilitate the work of the Committee. They are as follows:

Field Maintenance and Acquisition:

John Renquinha
Anna Clancy
Mike Seward
Tom Rimoshytus
Tony Arico

Field Use Scheduling:

George Finn
Gina Bae
Michelle Geremia
Catherine Horn

Field Financing:

Jacob Brier
Steve DeBoth
Ed Roskiewicz

Artificial Turf Field Research:

Steve Boyajian
Bill Horn
Don Denham
Tess Gagliano
Catherine Horn
Tom Rimoshytus

It was agreed that the Comprehensive Community Plan would be shared with the entire Committee, as well as copies of previous work/reports done regarding fields in Town. It was also agreed that there would be an effort made to coordinate this Committee's work with that of a subcommittee of the Recreation Department that is looking at field issues.