

Town of Ipswich
ATHLETIC FIELD STUDY COMMITTEE
Ipswich Town Hall, Planning Conference Room @ 7:00pm
Wednesday September 28, 2016

Minutes

Attendees: Chuck King, John Galanis, Jeff Putur, Judy Field, Kerrie Bates, Ken Swenson

Absent: Scott Levasseur, Jim Restuccia, Hugh O'Flynn, Jeff Putur

Guest: Chris Lapoint from Greenbelt

1. Citizens Inquiries: None
2. Minutes from July 26, 2016 approved unanimously
3. Progress on IHS Stadium Project- Project Status
 - a. Phase 1 construction: playing field, scoreboard, high jump area, long jump pits, track timing and storage sheds deemed substantially complete per the contract & they facility was turned back over to the schools the first week of this month. All HS varsity sports are using the facility for games. All HS teams getting some practice time on the field. Youth football has been playing their home games on Sundays. Punch list for completion of phase 1 not yet published.
 - b. Phase 2 design of new building at IHS 75% complete. Work on this will resume after phase 1 construction is complete. \$150K (funds have so far) of the needed \$750K (construction estimate)in place
 - c. Phase 3 design of the athletic field rehabilitation behind Doyon School is in preliminary stages only. Design work will resume after phase 2 is complete
4. New School Project & Impact on Athletic Fields
 - a. The BOS voted to not allow Bialek Park to be considered for the new school Bialek Park so the existing Winthrop School property is the only property under consideration. No impact on existing athletic fields
5. Revision of AFSC Report to the Selectmen- no action
6. Warrant Article 20 on Oct 25 Town Meeting to acquire part of the Pony Express Property
 - a. Purchase & Sales needs to be signed between lead buyer, Essex County Greenbelt and the Daniels family before Town Meeting.
 - b. Proposed that \$2M+ be used from the Open Space Bond Authorization to purchase the existing polo fields along with enough land for 2 additional full size multipurpose fields and parking.
 - c. If article 20 is passes at Town Meeting, then the OSB funds will be used for this property.
7. Next Meeting: Nov 15. 2016

