

Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
June 2, 2009
Town Hall
5:30 pm

Board Members Present: Jaime Ellis (Chair), Al Littlefield, Kevin Seery

Administration Present: Paul Freeman, Don Meltabarger

Meeting called to order at 5:30

Agenda/Purpose

1. Flanders Parking Lot: Paul Formica presented the committee with a plan to redesign the Flanders parking lot entrance/exit and also the entrance/exit to the high school along Boston Post Road. It would be an approximate 100 extra parking spots and a stop light to make it safer for everyone, including the fire department, to navigate entering Boston Post Road. This is in the initial stages and still requires more discussion by this committee on what steps to take next before coming to the full Board for discussion/approval.
2. Artificial Turf at the High School: Jim Moran and Don Meltabarger presented the committee with a grant option from the Jeremy Worrell Foundation to get funding to pay for any consulting fees that would be involved in the study and designing of an artificial turf. The committee decided it was a good idea to pursue this grant in case the board and community decided to go through with the turf. The committee discussed the possibility of putting together a committee to research the pros/cons of artificial turf. We will meet again to discuss this before bringing it to the board.
3. HVAC at High school/Middle school Gym floor: Paul Freeman met with the town Building Committee and they reported that the high school gym floor is good for now and they will continue to monitor it. He also reported that they looked into the middle schools HVAC unit and found that it is too big and that a smaller unit is needed to make it more efficient and this would also help to eliminate the "float" of the middle school gym floor. A request was made to that they be allowed to go to bid to look for this. This building committee agreed with this request.

At Don's request we have added high school boilers to the next agenda.

Public Comment:

1. Karen Rak: Would like us to enlist as many individuals as possible to provide due diligence because there are so many conflicting studies regarding artificial turf. She also suggested that we should take the time to do this the right way to determine the safety of our children/environment and the true costs involved.
2. Bob Gadbois: Supports what Karen Rak stated and would like us to do research so that we do not have another Flanders Playground incident.
3. Mike Shultz: Stated that the wooden bleachers are in poor condition, however every effort should be made to reuse the wood if at all possible.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Ellis
June 16, 2009