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DAVID E. STAVENS
RONALD F. STOMBERG
JOHN W. TURNER

Monday, July 16, 2018
Town Hall Meeting Hall
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting

MINUTES

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Lori Spielman, James Prichard, John Turner, David Stavens, Ronald Stomberg, Melinda Ferry, Sarah Cook

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Weitz

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by First Selectman Spielman.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS' FORUM [non-agenda items]: No citizens came forward

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Parks and Recreation Commission Request to Renew July 9, 2018
Motion VI.G.2

1. Bond Resolution:

- To consider and act on a resolution: (1) recommending an appropriation and borrowing authorization for various athletic facility improvements at Ellington High School, and related improvements, work and acquisitions; and (2) referring the project to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Conn. Gen. State § 8-24

Ms. Cook stated that she supports the field and supports the citizens' right to vote at referendum.

Ms. Ferry asked if this will be exclusively a football field. Christopher Weitz (12 Lookout Landing) responded that this will be a multi-use field for activities including football, lacrosse, soccer, baseball, dance teams, and the band.

Mr. Stomberg stated that the elected officials review the different issues that come forward. He hopes that nobody feels like there is a personal vendetta, but they are put in charge by the voting public to review these issues ahead of time. Some of the costs of special interests are above what a small Town can handle. This is the fear that arises for the public. Mr. Stomberg feels this will go to referendum and that people will vote, but these items will affect the Town for years to come. There will be a large cost that will grow, potentially to four or five million dollars. Once it starts, he believes it will never end. He feels this is over the top, and that is why he voted against it last week and will vote against it again tonight. He spoke to people in the community, and this is what they wanted him to do.

Mr. Stavens said that the escalation cost in the numbers is light, and it only goes through January of 2018. This number needs to be brought through next year. They will be stuck with an additional \$65,000 that cannot be added to the number at this time.

Mr. Turner said that he feels that any time a project of this scope that effects this many voters and students comes in front of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) with a dollar amount of this magnitude, it should go to referendum for the voters to decide. He hopes that voters will educate themselves before they make their decision.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED (AYE: TURNER/FERRY/COOK/SPIELMAN; NAY: PRICHARD/STAVENS/STOMBERG) TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Ellington appropriate \$2,625,000 for costs related to various athletic facility improvements at Ellington High School and related work and acquisitions, contemplated to include: (a) conversion of the football field to artificial turf, (b) installation of lighting for the football field, the east side practice field, and the tennis courts, (c) irrigation system installation, (d) fencing installation, (e) storm water management improvements, (f) installation of a Department of Public Works storage shed, (g) acquisition of maintenance equipment and a service vehicle, and (h) related improvements, work and acquisitions, which to the extent of available funds may include, but is not limited to, additional bleachers, and additional equipment storage buildings. It is contemplated that the project will be completed substantially as described in the report developed by the Fuss & O'Neill Design Build Services, LLC, dated October 2016 and entitled "Ellington High School Football Field Artificial Turf Conversion and Lighting Project". The Permanent Building Committee shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and to reduce or modify the project scope; and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition, and installation costs; site improvements; infrastructure improvements; equipment, furnishings, and materials; architectural, engineering, consultant, and other professional fees including legal fees; administrative costs, including costs related to the application for and acceptance of grants; the payment of net temporary interest and other financing costs; and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Town anticipates receiving a \$1,000,000 State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection grant to defray in part the appropriation for the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town authorize the issue of \$2,625,000 bonds or notes and temporary notes to finance the appropriation, the amount of bonds or notes authorized to be reduced by the amount of grants received for the project and not separately appropriated to pay project appropriation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen refers the above project to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 7:10 P.M.

Submitted by meaghan maguire Approved by _____

Meaghan Maguire
Recording Secretary



Lori L. Spielman
First Selectman