

**New Milford Board of Education  
 Facilities Sub-Committee Minutes  
 March 7, 2017  
 Lillis Administration Building—Room 2**

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**Present:** Mr. Brian McCauley, Chairperson  
 Mrs. Angela C. Chastain  
 Mr. Robert Coppola  
 Mr. Bill Dahl

**Also Present:** Mr. Joshua Smith, Superintendent  
 Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Assistant Superintendent  
 Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations  
 Mr. Kevin Munrett, Facilities Manager  
 Mr. Nestor Aparicio, Assistant Facilities Manager  
 Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources  
 Ms. Roberta Pratt, Director of Technology

<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b>Call to Order</b></p> <p>The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Facilities Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mr. McCauley.</p>	<p><b>Call to Order</b></p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wendy Faulenbach estimated the main turf field at 100,000 square feet with a replacement cost of \$4.50 per square foot for a total of \$450,000. The north field is 83,000 square feet with a replacement estimate of \$373,500. Total replacement for the fields would be \$823,500. Lights have a 25 year warranty and an estimated replacement cost of \$275,000. Track resurfacing is typically at 20 years and is estimated at \$60,000. Mrs. Faulenbach said this was a community project and they are community fields. She would like to see a resolution to the Board to designate a percentage of year end balance to a field replacement account each year. She also suggested the Board's Policy Committee review policy 1325 regarding advertising and how it might work as a revenue stream for the fields.</li> <li>Stephen Looney encouraged the Board to start planning for field replacement now. He</li> </ul>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>

	<p>suggested turf field costs be included in the capital plan going forward. He said he had followed the conversation about a possible move of Board offices to JPS and supported the Board staying at East Street. Since that now appears to be the case, he urged the Board to look at compliance with ADA and the lack of an elevator and see what they can do to make the building more compliant.</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p> <p><b>A.</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p><b>Turf Fields Replacement Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Smith said the Board had approved a request that the Town set up an account for replacement and that request has been made. The Mayor is looking at the process of creating a protected account into which funds could be channeled. He recommends that the Board discuss setting up a committee to plan for replacement and that it includes community representatives.</li> <li>• Mr. Dahl said he understands the need to plan for field replacement but has an issue with putting money aside from BOE surplus for fields when budgets continually are cut. He said originally the Town was going to set up a follow up committee to plan for this. While he appreciates being able to provide quality to our student athletes he does not want it to come at student expense.</li> <li>• Mrs. Chastain said the gym classes and band use the fields as well. She said she is a huge advocate for using advertising. She said it is important to have Town invested as well since these are community fields.</li> <li>• Mr. Coppola asked if there were any funds leftover from the budgeted project and Mr. Smith said his understanding was that there were not. The Town basically used a short term loan and could only submit actual cost.</li> <li>• Mr. Coppola said he agreed with the idea of advertisement and was in favor of setting up a</li> </ul>	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p><b>A. Turf Fields Replacement Update</b></p>

	<p>committee to oversee the whole process. He said the Turf Field Committee repeatedly said they would work on the next stage for repair and he is not ready to commit any fund balance. He said he would rather go to capital reserve if needed.</p> <p>Mr. Coppola moved to bring turf fields replacement to the full Board for discussion.</p> <p>Motion seconded by Mr. Dahl.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>B. Five Year Facilities Capital Plan Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Munrett said the plan under discussion is as it appeared in the budget book and is updated from October when it was last discussed. The plan is a living document to which adjustments are made as project needs change.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Coppola moved to bring the Five Year Facilities Capital Plan Update to the full Board for approval.</p> <p>Motion seconded by Mr. Dahl.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to bring turf fields replacement to the full Board for discussion.</b></p> <p><b>B. Five Year Facilities Capital Plan Update</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to bring the Five Year Facilities Capital Plan Update to the full Board for approval.</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p> <p><b>A. Solar</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. McCauley said this had stalled at the Town and he brought it for discussion to see if the Board wished to go forward on estimates for the schools.</li> <li>• Mr. Smith said there had been quite a bit of work done on this topic in 2013. The Board had sent a proposal to the Town Council at that time and they decided it was not cost effective. In this case, the Town has completed its work</li> </ul>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>A. Solar</b></p>

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	<p>on the proposals and determined once again that it is not cost effective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Coppola asked if a solar project would reduce electrical costs and Mr. Smith said it depends on how it is financed.</li> <li>• Mrs. Chastain said that this is the second time in the past five years that solar has been reviewed and found not to be cost effective. She is not in favor of further discussion.</li> <li>• Mr. Coppola agreed.</li> <li>• Mr. McCauley confirmed that there would be no motion made to bring the topic forward.</li> <li>• Mr. Dahl asked if the panels would prolong the life of a roof and Mr. Munrett said not necessarily.</li> <li>• Mr. Dahl asked what school roof is the next to need replacement. Mr. Munrett said Northville in his opinion. Mr. Dahl suggested they weigh solar options at that time.</li> <li>• Mr. Giovannone said the current budget for energy is \$924,000.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.</b></p> <p><b>A.</b></p>	<p><b>Items of Information</b></p> <p><b>Upcoming Projects</b></p> <p><b>1. HPS security system</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Munrett said this project was approved last year and is in the current budget. The bid award will be brought forward to Operations for consideration.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. SNIS roof top air conditioning unit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Munrett said this unit services the multipurpose room only. The compressors have failed. The bid for repair or replacement will go to Operations for discussion.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Items of Information</b></p> <p><b>A. Upcoming Projects</b></p> <p><b>1. HPS security system</b></p> <p><b>2. SNIS roof top air conditioning unit</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was none.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>

7.	<b>Adjourn</b>  Mr. Coppola moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m., seconded by Mr. Dahl and passed unanimously.	<b>Adjourn</b>  <b>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.</b>
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Respectfully submitted:



Brian McCauley, Chairperson  
Facilities Sub-Committee