



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
RAYS FOR RAMS

AD-HOC COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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OLD SAYBROOK TURF BALLFIELD LIGHTS COMMITTEE (aka Triple T)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

7:00pm

Old Saybrook Town Hall

Second Floor Conference Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** *Alan Hyla (Co-Chair), Committee Members; Peter Rothman, Meghan Brady, Nancy Gatta, Rich Hanratty, Guests: None*
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** *None*
- IV. COMMENTS FROM ADHOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes from March 2, 2022.
- VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**
 - Alan reports progress of the fundraising (\$200,000+) based on Scott's emails to the group
 - Also mentions that the Guard Rails on Ingham Hill Rd are up.
 - Meghan Brady updates the group on the brick fundraising. According to the Polar Engraving site there are 185 orders and \$70,765 in donations. This number is more than the actual amount raised strictly from bricks as it includes our larger donors (folks who gave \$1,000 or more and were offered a brick if they wanted the recognition). Scott and Meghan plan to meet to review the list of donors, rectify any design changes before submitting the final order to Polar Engraving. Once the order is finalized Polar Engraving can hold onto the bricks until we are ready for the construction phase of "Monument Way" so we do not have to store locally.
 - Peter reports on "Monument Way" ideas, taking the look of the new retaining wall in. He describes a stone design under the booth, continuing a retaining wall (seat size) and walkway. This idea was previously discussed with BOE chair, Jan, Julie, Alan and Scott.
 - Julie said this would be constructed after the lights are up.
 - They will want a rendering done which then would need BOE facilities committee approval.
 - Julie mentioned using an architect that has done several projects already for the BOE.
 - Discussion on putting a budget together for "Monument Way", this might be best to do after we know the total of the lights project.
 - Committee reviews a plaque that The Kate created for their donor/supporters. The look of plaque was liked for many reasons including esthetics, keeping everything together, cost.

- Julie reports on the project progress and timeline. She provided a detailed written timeline to BOE. This was created in part to maximize efficiency since rentals such as the mats to protect the track/field are costly.
- Our set up is unusual with lights inside the track so much caution has to be taken to not damage the track/field area.
- Larry Bonin has been very helpful in the process, including helping locate the conduit.
- Lights/polls are due to arrive on or before July 11. It takes about 10 days to put them up.
- Wiring needed will take 2-3 weeks afterwards.
- Turf repair will happen next.
- Goal is for fall games under the lights, but weather, delivery, construction needs to all line up.
- Discussion about sponsor booklet for first game festivities/recognition. Nancy Gatta suggested listing fall sport athletes, donor/volunteer names, the rendering of “Monument Way” so folks know what to expect in the near future.
- Peter (or Rich?) made final comments on the new guardrail being a great addition. It was mentioned that some in the community were concerned about spectators with mobility challenges not having a place to watch games, but Julie pointed out that there are now two handicap parking spots near the entrance to the field for that reason and there is always a golf cart available to bring folks in need to/from the field.
- There was also discussion on crowd control for night games and Jan and Brendan plan on meeting with Chief Spera to discuss further.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE – May 25, 2022 7:00pm

IX. ADJOURNMENT

GATTA /HYLA

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hyla, Committee Co-Chair / contributed by Meghan Brady

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