

Operations Committee Meeting  
February 27, 2014  
Minutes

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Operations Committee was held on Thursday, February 27, 2014, in the Administration Building. Chairperson Howard Friedman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Blanchette, Mr. Friedman and Mr. Roberson. Also present were Mrs. Devlin, Mr. McCluskey and Mr. Cullinan. Mr. Tim Webb, Director of Public Works was also present.

Review of Proposed Field Lighting STEAP Grant

Documents related to this topic had been forwarded to committee members prior to the meeting. Mr. Webb reviewed the STEAP Grant process for the committee. Previously, the town received STEAP Grants for the tennis courts, the football bleachers and most recently for the expansion of the Human Resources Department. The town has also submitted a STEAP Grant for the expansion of Town Hall.

Mr. Webb requested that Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, which has extensive experience in this area to tour the sites and to provide budget estimates. Lighting for the football stadium is estimated at \$325,000 - \$350,000. Additional partial lighting for the practice field is estimated to cost \$50,000 - \$60,000. Lighting for the tennis courts is quoted at \$95,000 - \$105,000. The Department of Public Works estimates the contribution of in-kind services from the department of about \$40,000. The lights would be maintenance free for twenty-five years.

The football field currently is used by the lacrosse program. The field could be shifted slightly to accommodate soccer. Pull boxes and conduit already exist at both sites. The tennis court property, as well as the track and soccer field, is listed as town property while the football field is considered under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education. Attempting to light the soccer field would be a more costly program. Pull boxes and conduit do not exist on that site. Installation at this time would require disruption to the track. It is estimated that the track may need to be replaced in about five years. That would be a more appropriate time for this work if funds were available.

A number of topics were discussed. Among them were: added security for night games; additional costs for night games; fencing; costs of operation; impact of marching band; town approval process; and overuse of fields. Mr. Webb will ask Musco Lighting if 70 foot-candles are required for lacrosse. Members of the Operations Committee were encouraged to review the grant application as prepared by Mr. Webb and to forward any recommended revisions to him. The committee thanked Mr. Webb for his initiative and excellent work in the preparation of this grant.

A motion was made that the Operations Committee recommend to the full Board support and approval of the submission of the STEAP Grant to provide lighting to the football stadium, the practice field and the tennis courts as presented.

1<sup>st</sup>. A. Hayes                      2<sup>nd</sup>. G. Blanchette

VOTE:            Unanimous. The motion passed.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:53 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup>. D. Roberson                      2<sup>nd</sup>. A. Hayes

VOTE:            Unanimous. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Friedman,  
Chair

HF/scc