



Town of Hopkinton, NH

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**SELECT BOARD
PUBLIC BOND HEARING MINUTES
TRACK/FIELD BOND
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016
APPROVED: FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Jim O'Brien called this Bond Hearing to order at 6:32 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016, in the large meeting room in the Town Hall.

Members Present: Jim O'Brien-Chair, Ken Traum-Vice Chair, Sara Persechino, Sue B. Strickford, and Steve Lux, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Neal Cass, Town Administrator

Mr. O'Brien invited Scott Zipke forward to present the plan from the people who are making this proposal to Town Meeting. His presentation included the following:

- His committee formed in January 2015
- Concerns with current situation
 - There is not an adequate track currently
 - Soccer field are substandard
 - There are poor lacrosse fields
 - The field hockey surface is not adequate
 - Deteriorating tennis courts
- The solution being presented is only a "proof of concept"
- Calls for facility at George's Park that includes
 - Rubberized track
 - Synthetic turf field
 - Lighting
 - Multi-Use tennis and basketball court upgrades
 - Reconfigured rectangular field
 - Increased bleacher area
 - Reconfigured baseball field
 - Accessible field access
- Total cost is estimated at \$3,426,225
- Anticipated benefits
 - Single solution addressing many issues
 - Community asset
 - Major event location

- Synthetic turf field with lights allows for extended use

Mr. O'Brien opened the hearing for public comment:

- Renee Carey encouraged private fundraising. Concerned that increase in taxes will push residents out.
- Peter Yunich couldn't believe the cost. He shared concern about the operating cost, users health, and the tax rate impact which will push the town toward being a homogeneous community
- John Carey objected to the siting of the project sharing concern about traffic, as well as the turf field which needs to be replaced about every 10 years.
- Josh Kattf spoke in favor of the project and while concerned about taxes, he thinks it would be a great asset to the Town.

The article will be voted on at Town Meeting on Saturday, March 12, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle/High School.

Mr. O'Brien closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Neal A. Cass, Town Administrator