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TOWN OF BELMONT
CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
Harris Field, Concord Ave
Wednesday, October 9, 2013
8:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Capital Budget Committee (CBC) was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Anne Marie Mahoney.

Members Present: Anne Marie Mahoney, Chair; Pat Bruschi, Warrant Committee; Anne Lougee, School Committee; and John Conte, Moderator Appointee.

Members Absent: Michael Battista, Planning Board, Andres Rojas, Board of Selectmen, Rebecca Vose, Moderator Appointee.

Also Present: Floyd Carman, Town Treasurer; David Kale, Town Administrator; Gerry Boyle, Facilities Director; Jim Davis, BHS Athletic Director; Patrick McGuire, consultant; Paul Graham, BHS soccer coach; John Owens, Recreation Commission; and Joe Urciuolo, Recreation, Parks, Cemetery Division Manager, DPW.

Members of the Capital Budget Committee met with the consultant for the replacement and repairs to the Harris Field complex and the above interested parties. The consultant discussed the failure of the present field and drainage system and described the materials for a new field which would last between twelve and fifteen years. The new field would include a thicker, safer pad like the one currently installed at the Patriots' stadium in Foxboro and at Boston College. He also recommended a removable netting system for behind the goals and along the side of the field which would be eight to ten feet high and could be collapsed and stored in a sleeve. It is designed to hold balls on the field.

New markings on the field would include lines for lacrosse. The goal post would be repaired. The channel drain would be replaced with plastic so it will not rust. The fence in front of the bleachers will be removed and replaced with a solid panel that can be adorned with graphics and which will resist dents and damage. The gates on the track will be replaced as will the fabric on the chain link fence that surrounds the field. The concrete apron between the track and the rink will be replaced with asphalt. Finally, there will be a Bailey-like bridge installed for vehicles (golf carts) that run between the high school and the field to avoid damage to the track and field.

The track is in good shape but will need refinishing in the next few years thus it makes sense to do that in conjunction with the field replacement so that there will not be a need to take the track off-line in the near future.

The press box will not be addressed as part of this project. An ADA compliant press box must be designed. It may be built with \$50,000 that remains in the original track and field building committee account along with fundraising and potentially a CBC request.

The plan is to put the project before the Special Town Meeting in November for approval; to bid the project in January; and to do the work in the summer of 2014. The construction is expected to take six to eight weeks.

The four members of the CBC who were present caucused and agreed by consensus to support funding the project for "up to" but "not to exceed" \$960,000 which will be bonded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Mahoney
Secretary pro tem