

Sprague Field Task Force – 3/10/08

Wellesley High School Library

SFTF Members Present: Chris Guiffre, Bill Charlton, Tom Brown, Barbara McMahon; Tom Harrington, Richard Morse

Guest: Mike Pakstis, DPW

The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

This meeting was held to address the bid specification documents. Members of the task force discussed the bid specifications for the carpet and the in-fill at length. There was some discussion about the complexities of the public bid process, and the need to be specific with the bid specifications. There was also some discussion of the need to defer to the judgment of the SFTF's consultant and the judgment of the DPW.

The group agreed that the bid specifications should call for a 2 ½ inch polyethylene fiber for the carpet and a TPE/sand mix for the infill.

The group was reminded that the League of Women Voters will be hosting Precinct Meetings prior to the start of Town Meeting at which the SFTF will be expected to answer questions regarding the proposal. Those meetings will take place: Thursday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. (Precincts A & B); Sunday March 30 at 1:00 p.m. (Precincts C D E) and 3:15 p.m. (Precincts F & G) at the Police Station. One member from the SFTF will attend each of the three meetings.

The task force will place a guest column in the Townsman for Thursday, March 27.

A question was asked regarding the bid specifications for the complete project, not just the synthetic turf fields, and whether the task force bears any responsibility for reviewing the complete document. Mike Pakstis assured the group that he and Steve Fader, the Town Engineer, review all the bid specifications and that the document includes considerable detail. The LSP is also responsible for reviewing the remediation portion of the documents. The group agreed that a Table of Contents for the bid documents will be provided to the SFTF in case any member of the SFTF has any questions, but that the SFTF will rely on its consultant and the DPW to produce the bid documents.

Mr. Guiffre reviewed that there will be three motions at Town Meeting for the project: one to appropriate the \$600,000 in Town funds which requires a 2/3 majority vote; one to approve the CPC appropriation and a third to accept/appropriate the private funds raised. He reported that he, Mike Jennings and David Dinwoody from CPC will be talking with Advisory on either March 12 or March 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.