



TOWN OF FREEPORT
Hunter Road Fields Committee
Thursday, Feb 27th, 2025
Minutes

Attendance: Aaron Francis, Nelson Larkins, Mark Guyer, Henry Lawrence.

Also in Attendance: Carrie Weeman, Earl Gibson, Rocco Lineham, Peter Wagner, Brian Steele (Briefly via ZOOM)

1. Agenda. Move, Larkins. Second, Lawrence. 5-0.
2. Old Business.
 - a. ADA compliance update from Earl.
 - i. Baseball fields top priority with funds set and start of walkways work in mid-April.
 - ii. Discussion of future wheelchair walkways. Building to ADA parking and backside as well.
 - b. Tri-Town Little League
 - i. Rebuild of mounds with Tri Town funds.
 - ii. Move one batting cage which will help with later ADA compliance. Move, Henry. Second, Larkins. 6-0.
3. New Business.
 - a. Member terms and meetings.
 - i. Mark Guyer going off Committee.
 - ii. Need District 4 representative.
 - iii. Larkins become District 2 representative.
 - iv. Clarify Peter Wagner as RSU5 representative.
 - v. Discussion of the expectations of the committee for meetings.
 - vi. Ex officio members from sport groups and their roles.
 - b. Discussions on gates and parking both at Hunter Road and near the concession stand. Cannot use gate in one area because of established snow mobile trail. Possible use of large rocks in some areas. Establish ways to control vehicles from going on any of the fields. Further discussion and action is needed.
 - c. Fields
 - i. Open them up, subject to weather, in mid-April.
 - ii. Information on baseball infields edged and turned last Fall.
 - iii. Spring forms and due dates
 1. Notice has gone out and is on website.
 2. Need information by April 17.
 - iv. Vote on allowing a special needs team to use fields early on Sunday mornings to avoid crowds. Start would be 11 am. Move, Henry. Second, Larkins. 5-0.

- v. Discussion on field use and policies with large tournaments.
- 1. Freeport Community Programs on 5/17.
- 2. Maine Men's Soccer League late summer or early fall. Need notice to neighbors.
 - vi. Brush cutting to be done near parking lots in April.
 - vii. Future parking expansion discussion.
- 1. Approved three years ago.
 - a. Need scope plan, budget, public hearing, and Town Council vote.
 - b. Understand effect on blueberry fields, wetlands, drainage.
 - c. Prepare scope of proposal and site plan.
- 4. Other business.
 - a. Usage fees were raised in 2024. We will review them in April.
 - b. Update on Town Communications Director and use.
 - c. Usage and upkeep issues in goal areas of four soccer fields. Possible turf work during four week summer gap. Scrape and seed. This is not in budget and could cost \$10,000. Will get quotes from Jason.
 - d. Soccer will discuss the cost of goal replacement nets. United pays yearly and has concerns over damage.
 - e. Options discussed for future donations for the fields and use of a QR Code.
 - f. Next meeting set for April 17.
- 5. Adjourn.