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**August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
MEETING AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER** – 7:02pm

**ROLL CALL** Tracy Koufos, John Charron, Steve Ostrowski, George Hunton, Scott Hagerty, John Segien, Norma O'Brien, Marc Vanson

**REVIEW/ADOPTION PREVIOUS MINUTES** Scott motioned, seconded by John S, all in favor

**FINANCIAL REPORT-** Norma reviewed report John S motioned to accept, George seconded, all in favor

**BASEBALL & SOFTBALL-**John Charron discussed holding a Baseball Meeting in Sept to beginning discussions for 2010 season. Discussion of uniforms needing to be returned. Board feels it should either be coaches' responsibility or parent's responsibility. Possibly a deposit fee when registering that is returned when uniform is returned or a waiver stating if the uniform is not returned child doesn't play. Largest baseball expense is the uniforms. Some concern with putting an additional expense on families, but need to find a way to get uniforms returned. Board also discussed raising registration fees. Coaches need to get equipment back to John Segien.

**SOCCER-** Scott Hagerty shared that registration numbers are down for 09 season, however he knows there will be an abundance of last minute registrations. Currently at about 150, last year 225. Issue with last minute sign-ups, Board has same problem during baseball season with parent's procrastinating. It makes it very difficult to get uniforms ordered, teams places, and the season up in running in a timely manner. We need one more soccer sponsor, Tracy to address that. A tentative calendar will be put up on the LYAA site and then a permanent schedule as well as a link for grades 3 and up will be made available on the LYAA site. Photos will be scheduled for 9/19 w/ NE Sports Photo.

**NEW SOCCER FIELDS** Marc Vanson met with the Board to provide, in his opinion an independent engineering review, to address questions LYAA had in regards to justifying a 25% cost overrun we were presented with for the new soccer fields. Are questions were 1) Was Nobis in error or did Ladd misinterpret the original engineering plans? 2) Who did Ladd contact before making changes? 3) If Nobis is in error, did Nobis document with a change order? 4) Is the new cut back by Ladd sound from an engineering perspective? Have Nobis and the School Board approved changes Ladd made? 5) Any foreseeable problems?.

Marc shared that the existing grades are on a different starting point then the design plan benchmark. This elevation difference is at the root of the "error", quantity differences, the need to lower the grade of the fields and take extra soil from the slope. The reference point "catch basin" did not even exist at the time of the survey. The only way to set proper construction grades that are on the same starting grade point as the topography would have been to reference the grade of one of the station points set as a part of the topographic survey as a starting benchmark.. It does not appear this information was used. Ladd did contact Nobis and Fred Regan to discuss this conflict he was observing. Nobis agreed to allow Ladd to lower the field finish grades to help reduce the excess fill required. It appears the difference was approximately 2 to 2.5 feet. This would explain the "error" and the resulting cost overruns by Ladd. The slopes do appear to be sound and will be properly stabilized once vegetated and do not see other problems with the changes from the original design. Overall, Marc's opinion is that the grade differences could and should have been identified during initial staking, prior to the start of earthwork. A proper starting benchmark could have been recovered and/or grading plan adjustments could have been made by the surveyors and engineers involved. (Marc Vanson's full report is on file with LYAA)

LYAA does not feel responsible to pay the 10K and we felt there was an error and now we know there was. John Segien motioned to pay Ladd remaining balance owed and a 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 10K and let him know we are trying to work on the remaining amount. Ladd did tell LYAA he'd give us 6 mos to come up with the money. All were in favor. LYAA is going to ask to be put on the agenda of the next MVSD School Board Mtg to discuss what we've learned tonight about the error.





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John Charron with contact Rick Broider to share our findings. At MVSD Mtg the Board suggested that John Charron, Scott Hagerty and Marc Vanson all attend.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. In process of getting Certificates of Insurance to town. John C has a meeting with the Selectman to go over policies and certificates LYAA holds.
- b. Loudon Old Home Day- How did we do? Tabled for Sept, no one present to share. John Charron will check with Rhonda to see who has the money.

**ADJOURN 8:25pm**

