

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of March 5, 2004 Meeting @ High School Annex

Present: _____ Terese Nelson (Chairperson), Peter Grosso (Vice-Chairman), Debra Trovato and Molly Perdue (Absent: Dr. Colette Trailer and Dr. Frank Wills)

Others Present: Ed Boxer, Marty Menangas, Dennis Clark, John White, Lisa Colley, Burt Wolfman, Chris Busa, Susan Avellar, Judy Linen, Jane Donoghue, Betty White

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.

Peter Grosso read a letter of disclosure which is attached hereto as part of these Minutes.

Chairperson Nelson welcomed all present and discussion began with regard to the renovation of the school tennis courts.

Lisa Colley (Athletic Director) gave an overview of the tennis court status and their need to be renovated. Ms. Colley indicated a project start date of March 15, 2004. Ms. Colley stated an offer from Willy's gym's (for practices) would be expensive and limited availability for practice. Transportation would also be a problem

Judy Linen and Jane Donoghue of the Provincetown Tennis clubs offered (for practice) two back courts at no cost to the schools.

Betty White explained that the contract had been signed last fall but due to poor weather conditions the project was delayed until Spring 2004. She further went on to explain that this project does require dry weather for five consecutive days. However, if all went well it would take approximately two weeks to complete project.

John White said (if moving the tennis courts) could mean a new baseball field, and he would love to see another base ball field, but not at the cost of a three story building on Motta Field. He also agreed that moving the courts was a very expensive prospect, and he recommended going with the renovations.

Marty Menangas stated his frustration over the way the town has tried to back the school into a corner regarding Motta Field. He also noted that while many were volunteering to restore Motta Field, the town never contributed anything to that project; and now want the town wants to take the field. He also stated if we move the courts, the students will not have use of them for a very long time.

Susan Avellar feels the town is grasping at straws. She also asked why wasn't a feasibility study done concerning the Manor and Motta Field issue. Ms. Avellar also noted that Motta Field is used not only by students but adults as well. She continued that the field should actually be expanded.

Burt Wolfman stated to relocate will take an extremely long time. To patch would require re-patching year after year and is continually very costly. Tennis court renovation is the way to go.

Chris Busa wondered why the problems with the tennis courts couldn't be remedied simply by patching the problems.

Lisa Colley explained the severity of the cracks on the tennis courts. The cost of patching is \$13,000-\$ 15,000 and would have to be done year after year.

Molly Perdue stated she would like more information and what other options were possible to solve the tennis court

