

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 6, 2020

Remote Meeting Via Zoom**1. Call to Order**

Chair Ni called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Members Present: Michelle Ayer, Jen Benham, Nes Correnti, Carlos AF DaSilva, Kerry Ni, Liza O'Reilly.

- 2.** The Committee attended a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee and Recreation Committee. Cass Chroust presented the findings of the Weston Sampson Field and Court study, including recommendations to centralize the permitting system and maintenance of all town fields and courts, and to increase funding and staffing for maintenance.

Kerry Ni noted that the recommended increase in gender equity and Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility was a positive. She asked how the recommended investments would work with the town's austerity measures in the short term, and the town's Master Plan in the long term. Town Administrator Tom Mayo stated that he would meet with the School Department and the South Shore Country Club as the town goes through the budget process, and that this would be an ongoing conversation.

Liza O'Reilly asked whether Physical Education teachers were consulted as part of the study. They were not. She recommended that they be consulted about the school fields as the town proceeds, because they use the fields during the school day. She also asked where the pickle ball court would be. There are several options given the 31 courts in Hingham.

Carlos DaSilva requested that the Board of Selectmen share a copy of the full report. The Board of Selectmen will share it when it is completed. He also asked whether there were plans to improve the soccer field at Plymouth River School. Mr. Chroust answered that the footprint of that field is too small to improve. Mr. DaSilva asked the town to consider ways to use and improve Building 179 when considering a project at Carson Field.

- 3.** The Committee heard Board of Selectmen discussion about a potential public safety facility and an update on COVID-19 in Hingham.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Nes Correnti and seconded by Carlos DaSilva,

It was

Voted: To Adjourn at 10:03 PM.

Michelle Ayer – aye
Jen Benham - aye
Nes Correnti – aye
Carlos Da Silva – aye
Kerry Ni – aye

Respectfully Submitted By:
Kerry Ni