

## **Field Fees Committee Meeting**

Monday, February 24, 2025 4:00 PM

Meeting Access: Field Fees Committee (2/24/25 at 4 p.m.) Web:

<https://zoom.us/j/99270920819> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 992 7092 0819, 3 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

II.A. December 9, 2024

### **III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

III.A. Turf Replacement Plan

III.A.1. Discuss Proposed Annual Capital Contribution

III.A.2. Discuss Proposed Field Fees Structure

III.B. Baseball Field Follow Up

### **IV. OTHER**

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**FIELD FEES COMMITTEE  
NEW FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**

**MINUTES – December 9, 2024 Meeting**

**Members Present (6 voting members):** Ed Sbordone (chair), Ken Craw, Dominic Cipollone, Ken Bennett, Jim Keller, Sean Loughran

**Member Absent:**

**Also Present:** Carrie DePuy, Phil Ross, Mark Ottusch, Tom Pardalis, Mike Evans, and George Frascione

**Minutes submitted by:** Ken Craw

**Meeting Location: Meeting Access: Field Fees Committee (12/9/24 at 4 p.m.)**

**Web:** <https://zoom.us/j/93256761373> **Dial In: (929) 205-6099**

**Meeting ID: 932 5676 1373**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. July 29, 2024**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of July 29, 2024, as presented

Made by: Sean Loughran

Seconded by: Ed Sbordone

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

**III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Stadium Lighting Replacement Update** – Carrie DePuy and Phil Ross reported that the stadium lighting replacement project went very smoothly and quickly. It was completed on budget and the old lights were scrapped.

**B. Track/Turf Replacement Update** – Carrie DePuy and Mark Ottusch reported that details of the project, such as colors, logo and warranties are being reviewed very carefully. The project is scheduled to begin on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Softball Field Use** - Concerns and issues regarding use of softball fields and scheduling were presented and discussed. There are not enough fields to accommodate the growing interest in softball. George Frascione reported that there is a plan in place to get the 50/70 field back into service and to bring Cashman, which is a Town field, up to specification as well. Netting is needed along the first base line because balls are lost in the brush, which has not been kept under control. Regarding scheduling, there is an increased interest in softball, and Mike Evans and Joe Garbowski handle scheduling. The Diamond Club has plans to use their funds to upgrade the quality of the fields and address drainage issues. It is estimated that the cost of netting is \$25,000 - \$35,000 and drainage is \$5,000. Phil Ross will get estimates for netting.

**D. Field Fees Structure** – The BOE approved a \$10 increase per user, from \$40 to \$50, beginning with the 2024 fall season. Mike Evans shared a spreadsheet concerning field fees income and turf replacement expenses with the committee members. Changes to the fee structure for the 2025 fall season would have to be enacted soon. Concerns were raised about increased fees charged for groups that do not use turf fields and/or have reduced access to turf fields. Fees do not generate enough funding to replace turf fields, fees should be considered a contribution into the fund to replace turf, and everyone participates in providing funding to replace the turf fields. Marty Morgan turf will need to be replaced within the next two to three years.

**IV. OTHER** - There was discussion about which group/groups will be responsible for the ongoing cost of maintenance of the Pavillion. This will be a topic for discussion at a future

meeting. Concerning softball field netting, Phil Ross added that the cost to replace a 45' high, 100' long netting in 2018 was \$12,000, and he will get an updated quote from the vendor for similar netting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Made by: Ed Sbordone

**Recording of vote:** All in favor

Seconded by: Dom Cipollone

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Group	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b>Income</b>							
Field Fees Income Annu:	\$114,250.00	\$119,962.50	\$125,960.63	\$132,258.66	\$138,871.59	\$145,815.17	\$153,105.93
Town Funds	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Total	\$114,250.00	\$169,962.50	\$175,960.63	\$182,258.66	\$188,871.59	\$195,815.17	\$203,105.93
<b>Expense</b>							
Stadium	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year - 2012	12	1	2	3	4	5	6
Marty Morgan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year - 2015	9	10	11	1	2	3	4
JJP Turf	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year - 2018 Install	6	7	8	9	1	2	3
Track	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Year	12	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Total Cost</b>	\$0.00	\$650,000.00	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Available Funds		\$106,890.00	\$226,852.50	\$402,813.13	\$182,258.66	\$188,871.59	\$384,686.76
Difference			\$226,852.50	-\$47,186.88	-\$17,741.34	\$188,871.59	\$384,686.76
Total Funds	#####						

2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	
\$160,761.22	\$168,799.28	\$177,239.25	\$186,101.21	\$195,406.27	\$205,176.59	\$215,435.41	\$2,239,143.70
\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
\$210,761.22	\$218,799.28	\$227,239.25	\$186,101.21	\$195,406.27	\$205,176.59	\$215,435.41	

\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	8	9	10	1	2	3

\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
5	6	7	8	9	10	1

\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	8	1	2	3	4	5

\$0.00	\$700,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,700,000.00
\$587,792.68	\$798,553.91	\$218,799.28	\$218,799.28	\$186,101.21	\$381,507.48	\$586,684.07	
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Club	# of Players/Season (est)	# of Seasons	Current Fee	New Fee	Current Total
Soccer Club	405	2	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$36,450.00
Youth Lacrosse	270	1	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$12,150.00
Infantry Lacrosse	100	1	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$4,500.00
Infantry Flag Football	50	1	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$2,250.00
Men's Soccer	30	1	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$1,350.00
Summer Soccer	400	1	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$18,000.00
Falcons Football	200	1	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$9,000.00
Field Hockey	50	1	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$2,250.00
Softball	60	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$1,500.00
Track	50	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$1,250.00
Cheer	50	1	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$2,250.00
Other Sports/Clinics	200	1	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
HS Sports	425	2	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00

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**\$90,950.00**

Yearly Totals:

Current Fee	\$45.00
New Fee	\$50.00
Track	\$25.00

BOE \$45,475.00

P&R \$45,475.00

Town Funds \$0.00

HS Sports Total	425
HS Athletes that use Turf	
Soccer	80
Field Hockey	31
Baseball/softball	59
Football	62
Track	61
Lacrosse	74
Total	367

New Total	Difference	5 years
\$40,500.00	\$4,050.00	\$202,500.00
\$13,500.00	\$1,350.00	\$67,500.00
\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$25,000.00
\$2,500.00	\$250.00	\$12,500.00
\$1,500.00	\$150.00	\$7,500.00
\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$100,000.00
\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$50,000.00
\$2,500.00	\$250.00	\$12,500.00
\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$6,250.00
\$2,500.00	\$250.00	\$12,500.00
\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000.00
\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$42,500.00
<b>\$114,250.00</b>	<b>\$23,300.00</b>	<b>\$571,250.00</b>
\$57,125.00		\$285,625.00
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Group	Recommendation/Yearly	Average	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Soccer Club	\$25,000.00	\$24,920.00	\$405.00	\$0.00	\$28,870.00
Baseball	\$1,500.00	\$1,896.00	\$0.00	\$960.00	\$720.00
Lacrosse	\$13,000.00	\$12,738.00	\$270.00	\$12,150.00	\$12,403.00
Lacrosse Fall	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Men's Soccer	\$1,600.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$880.00
Lubus Soccer Summer	\$15,000.00	\$13,320.00	\$18,680.00	\$13,800.00	\$10,800.00
Lubus Soccer Fall	\$2,100.00	\$2,080.00	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Football	\$10,000.00	\$9,640.33	\$9,771.00	\$9,757.00	\$9,393.00
Flag Football	\$250.00	\$226.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Field Hockey	\$1,000.00	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$990.00
Men's Softball	\$4,000.00	\$3,120.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Girl's Softball	\$2,500.00	\$2,173.33	\$0.00	\$3,400.00	\$2,380.00
Track	\$900.00	\$880.00	\$0.00	\$860.00	\$880.00
Cheer	\$3,500.00	\$21.25	\$0.00	\$52.50	\$0.00
	<b>\$83,850.00</b>	<b>\$76,205.58</b>	\$35,206.00	\$41,779.50	\$71,316.00

Questions:

What happens if a group has severely reduced numbers?

What if the numbers are higher?

Inconsistent Tracking of payments?

Would number include camps?

<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
\$22,210.00	\$23,680.00	\$10,694.00
\$1,080.00	\$3,360.00	\$3,360.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,661.00
\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
\$800.00	\$800.00	\$840.00
\$11,280.00	\$12,400.00	\$12,960.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$850.00	\$7,700.00	\$7,325.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,360.00
\$810.00	\$1,560.00	\$0.00
\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$4,400.00
\$1,620.00	\$2,880.00	\$2,760.00
\$900.00	\$0.00	\$1,040.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
<b>\$43,150.00</b>	<b>\$59,480.00</b>	<b>\$58,475.00</b>

<b>Group</b>	<b>Recommendation/Yearly</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
Soccer Club	\$25,000.00	\$26,250.00	\$27,562.50	\$28,940.63	\$30,387.66
Baseball	\$1,500.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,653.75	\$1,736.44	\$1,823.26
Lacrosse	\$13,000.00	\$13,650.00	\$14,332.50	\$15,049.13	\$15,801.58
Lacrosse Fall	\$3,500.00	\$3,675.00	\$3,858.75	\$4,051.69	\$4,254.27
Men's Soccer	\$1,600.00	\$1,680.00	\$1,764.00	\$1,852.20	\$1,944.81
Lubus Soccer Summer	\$15,000.00	\$15,750.00	\$16,537.50	\$17,364.38	\$18,232.59
Lubus Soccer Fall	\$2,100.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,315.25	\$2,431.01	\$2,552.56
Football	\$10,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$11,025.00	\$11,576.25	\$12,155.06
Flag Football	\$250.00	\$262.50	\$275.63	\$289.41	\$303.88
Field Hockey	\$1,000.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,102.50	\$1,157.63	\$1,215.51
Men's Softball	\$4,000.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,410.00	\$4,630.50	\$4,862.03
Girl's Softball	\$2,500.00	\$2,625.00	\$2,756.25	\$2,894.06	\$3,038.77
Track	\$900.00	\$945.00	\$992.25	\$1,041.86	\$1,093.96
Cheer	\$3,500.00	\$3,675.00	\$3,858.75	\$4,051.69	\$4,254.27
	<b>\$83,850.00</b>	<b>\$88,042.50</b>	<b>\$92,444.63</b>	<b>\$97,066.86</b>	<b>\$101,920.20</b>

**2029**

**2030**

\$31,907.04	\$33,502.39
\$1,914.42	\$2,010.14
\$16,591.66	\$17,421.24
\$4,466.99	\$4,690.33
\$2,042.05	\$2,144.15
\$19,144.22	\$20,101.43
\$2,680.19	\$2,814.20
\$12,762.82	\$13,400.96
\$319.07	\$335.02
\$1,276.28	\$1,340.10
\$5,105.13	\$5,360.38
\$3,190.70	\$3,350.24
\$1,148.65	\$1,206.09
\$4,466.99	\$4,690.33

**\$107,016.21    \$112,367.02**