Minutes from the Winthrop Field Committee meeting, August 24 -- 8:30 am At the Jersey Lane Gale

Present: George Nickless, Jim Moroney, Matt Brzeznski, Sue Thorne, and Mike Chapman, Chair

Absent: Gar Morse and Mike Carvalho.

Also present: consultant, Ben Rossi

Mike called the meeting to order at 8:30

Minutes from the June meeting were approved. The July meeting was cancelled.

The Longevity Bench will not be installed. On advice of counsel, Bob Bonocorso, the structure would be in violation of terms of the Trust agreement in that it would be considered a permanent structure. Mike will investigate the cost of bench tops and further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

Maintenance: Dash Drain is coming Monday to address the serious drainage issues in the field and on the Senecal property. Once this work is completed, we will look into the drainage issues behind # 131 and #135 Bridge Street properties.

Iron Tree has given a quote for removing the Willow Tree on Senecal property which is deemed to be causing significant trouble with the drainage system with its invasive root system. Ben will follow up with Mayer Tree and North Shore Arborist for quotes and a decision will be made at a future meeting.

Mowing will be totally dependent on weather, availability of Bill Perkins, and results of the drainage clearing. Perkins contract is up after this year.

On a motion by Mike, seconded by Sue, it was voted to allow up to $5000 additional money only if needed for whatever additional time Dash Drains might need to do the work in the field.

Cattail removal—they have dried up on the pond but the remaining ones will be difficult to remove as getting equipment into the pond area is dependent on how dry the field is. The situation will be monitored and reviewed at the next meeting.
Matt, Jim and George will work on the weed overgrowth along the Bridge Street wall. They plan to do it today around 11:30. Many thanks!!!

Sue will ask the DPW to pick up debris at the Bridge Street gate. The DPW will also be asked about removing the tree stump near the Jersey Lane gate. It has the potential to cause car or snow plow damage if not removed.

The next meeting will be September 14 at the Bridge Street Gate at 8:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Thorne