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John Murray

From: Catherine Fochtman
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2007 8:58 AM
To: Dore' Hunter
Cc: John Murray; Tom Tidman
Subject: Change in Melanoma Dugout location

Dore,

Acton Boxborough Youth Baseball is requesting that the Melanoma Foundation installation site be changed. They have determined that installing two back-to-back dugouts at Veterans is not possible due to space constraints (see explanation below). In response, they are requesting that the two dugouts be installed at MacPherson ballfield next to the Conant school. A Little League site is required for the gift, and this appears to be the best option as an alternative site. Does this meet with your approval?

I sent a copy of the signed agreement to Doug Wilkins at Anderson Kreiger to ask if it is necessary to rewrite the contract if there is a change in installation location.

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From: SJKhosla@aol.com [mailto:SJKhosla@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2007 11:15 AM
To: Catherine Fochtman; Tom Tidman
Subject: Re: Melanoma Foundation dugouts at Vets

Hi Cathy,

Thanks for your response. I spoke with Mel Rubin today, who is the Chairman of the Melanoma Foundation New England (MFNE). It seems that his agreement with Major League Baseball is for Little League fields - Jones does not qualify since LL does not play games there (LL and Babe Ruth are two separate organizations). Since the Town of Acton has already signed an agreement with MFNE, we need to find an alternate site. Vets has issues with the field layout (narrow walkway), encroachment onto the field, as well as the fact that we were installing one dugout each on two separate fields (not the best solution).

So MacPherson seems to be the only solution. Mel is OK with that. I am waiting to hear back from the Executive Committee of ABYB on their thoughts.

If MacPherson is the site, we need a plan with the Highway Dept to install these dugouts (concrete slabs, remove fencing, etc.) MFNE is frustrated with our pace on this - the other two towns that received these gifts (Allston and Belchertown) installed them already.

Sanjay

In a message dated 8/8/2007 8:34:15 AM Eastern Daylight Time, cfochtman@acton-ma.gov writes:

Sanjay,
 I think that although the dugouts are needed/wanted the most at Vets, it would be prudent to choose not to install them there, given the space issues. I respect you coming to that viewpoint, because the

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dugouts are such an opportunity. They just don't fit. Installing them at Jones makes sense – we should coordinate with the Men's Baseball League, as the Orioles will be continuing to play on Sundays until the end of November.

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From: SJKhosla@aol.com [mailto:SJKhosla@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2007 8:38 PM
To: Tom Tidman; Catherine Fochtman
Subject: Re: Melanoma Foundation dugouts at Vets
Any thoughts on my e-mail from August 1?

Sanjay

In a message dated 8/1/2007 10:57:06 AM Eastern Daylight Time, SJKhosla writes:

Tom and Cathy,

There has been some review regarding the dugout installation. Steve Mielke, who has a construction background, was doing some measurements at Vets and has voiced some concerns. His comments are below:

"These are supposed to go on the 1st and 3rd base lines (back to back) on V1 & V2. These are modular and dimensions are fixed. If we pour one large slab and maintain 5' to 6' to walk between them as laid out now, they will encroach further into the field. The dimension off the base line would be 17'-6" instead of the present 20' (I don't know if there is a recommended or required minimum for this). The design does not seem to suit the cramped layout of these fields. Another issue is that the height of the eave line at the low side, or where we walk between the fields is approx. 5'-4" and overhangs the back of the dugout 2'. The 5' walking space between the dugout would have 1' open above with a 2' overhang from each of the dugouts. We would have to install higher posts to raise the eaves.....The dugouts are nice but may not be suited for Vets."

It seems that the field layout is going to be a problem, especially since the dugouts are pre-fabricated and not able to be modified in size. Installation in late August will not happen as we are still undecided on location. What do you think about Jones, with installation in late October? Jones is a high-visibility field, which will keep Melanoma Foundation happy.

Please forward your comments.
Sanjay Khosla

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