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SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2003

The Wethersfield Town Council held a special meeting on December 10, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was a bus trip to Bloomfield High School in Bloomfield, CT. The meeting was called because the entire Council and Board of Education was asked to participate in an informational trip for Musco Lights.

The purpose of the meeting was to allow the Council, Board of Education and the public to view Bloomfield High School lighted football field with Musco lighting. The field lights have special visors to focus the light onto the field and not into surrounding back yards.

Present: Councilors Cascio, Czernicki, Forrest, Fortunato and Deputy Mayor Karangekis. Chairperson Morin joined the group at the field.

Absent: Councilors Adil, Hemmann and Montinieri.

Also present were Board of Education members Penny Stanziale, Martin Walsh, Vice Chairman Roberts and Chairperson Hodges; Town Manager Bonnie Therrien and Town Clerk Dolores Sassano. Others attending were Brian McCordy from Musco Lighting; Bob Peters and Lou Sanzaro, supporters of lights on an artificial surface football field; and two residents opposing the lights as well as a third resident, a coach for field hockey. The Dattco bus trip was personally paid for by Mr. Bob Peters.

Absent Board of Education members were: Claire Carney, Michael McKenna, Janet Pilczak, Raul Rodriguez and Matt DeAngelo.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. upon arrival at the destination.

The Musco Lighting Company had suggested the trip be rescheduled due to the blanket of snow on the ground. Snow reflects a lot of the light back making the field much brighter than it would actually appear with artificial turf. Another trip was mentioned, perhaps in the spring.

Mr. McCordy, while not being personally involved with the Bloomfield project, spoke on the field lights which were installed by his employer, Musco Lighting. He said that there are a number of items to consider when planning the lights. Some of these include the use and type of field, the location of the field, and the topography of the area. All of these items dictate the height of poles, and the number of lights needed to cover the field both end to end and side to side. Measurement is in Candela. Mr. McCordy's company uses special visors to prevent glare and light spillage. These visors allow for better control of the light so that it is directed onto the field and not adjacent properties.

The Mayor left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Adjournment

At 8:50 p.m. Councilor Czernicki moved "**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**" seconded by Council Cascio. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 5-0-0.