


BELMONT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

What's up?

Agenda/overview

- How did I get here?
 - A *brief* walk through time
- What does *that* mean?
 - A field. My kingdom for a field.
- Where am I?
 - Current time line
- So what do you want?
 - A vote. (Not tonight!)
- Why me? (Also a topic for another day)



Location process – only the last decade worth

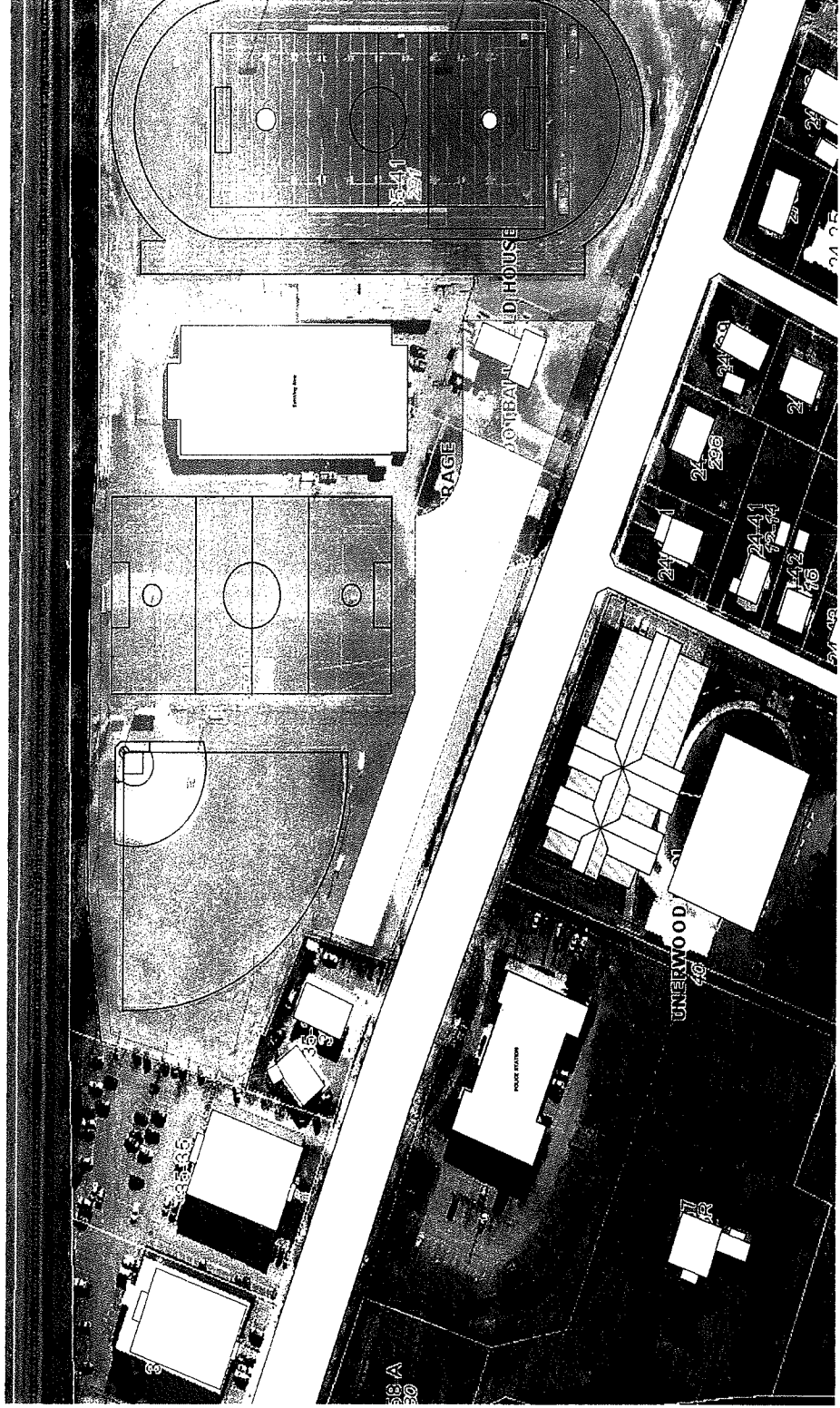
- 2002 Cluster (remember 2001 TM?) – build across the street
- 2005 grant application (on current location)
- 2008 CPOC formed, in response
 - Why? Study site, in cooperative setting
- CPOC – build across the street
- 2013 –another committee?



Across the street – why?

- Current site
 - Wetlands and set back limitations
 - Underground parking necessary (\$3M+)
 - Load bearing exterior walls – limits flexibility of design
 - Demolition expense
- Across the street
 - Above ground parking, hidden from view
 - Building could be sold or used for other Town purposes
 - Above ground parking located behind the library
- Doesn't change
 - Proximity to center
 - Walkability
 - Public transport
- A new mole will be hard to find

Location – can't we have a 3,4,5,6,7 story library?

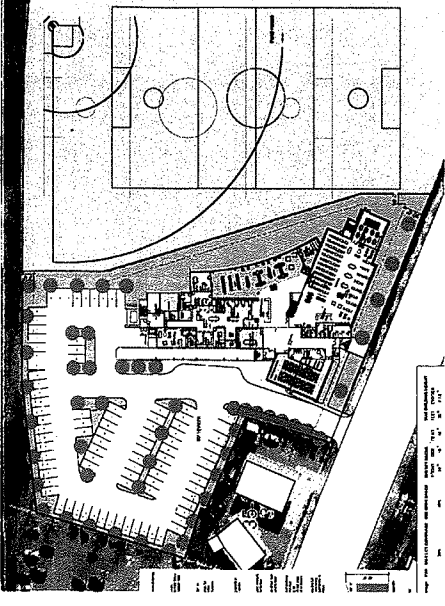




Process

- "C-MAG"
 - Selectmen: Mark Paolillo
 - Town: Peter Castanino, Glenn Clancy
 - Schools: Laurie Graham, Tom Kingston, Jim Davis
 - Conservation committee: David Webster
 - Rec (sort of): James Fitzgerald
 - Library: Matt Lowrie, Mark Carthy, Maureen Conners
 - Attendees have included recreational hockey and soccer representatives, CPA committee, CBC, etc.
- Process
 - Fact gathering – meeting
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 - Fact gathering...

The field problem defined



- Issue (a good thing):
 - HS -- 1970 fields -- 9 sports in Fall/Spring
 - 2012; same fields but 20+ sports in Fall and 17+ Spring
 - Recreational use growing (Belmont soccer, etc.)
- And don't forget!
 - Ultimate frisbee
 - (However many versions of) Rugby
 - Quidditch (?)
- The Schools are adapting
 - PQ fields; Chenery fields; Town fields

Assumptions

- Every field in Belmont is used at every moment
- Reduction of field space is, therefore, unacceptable

Field mis-nomenclature

- HS Fields
 - Hittinger
 - Brendan Grant baseball; baseball practice
 - Astroturf (Harris)
 - Football/soccer practice ("EW practice")
 - JV practice field ("NS practice")
 - SB field

Field mis-nomenclature

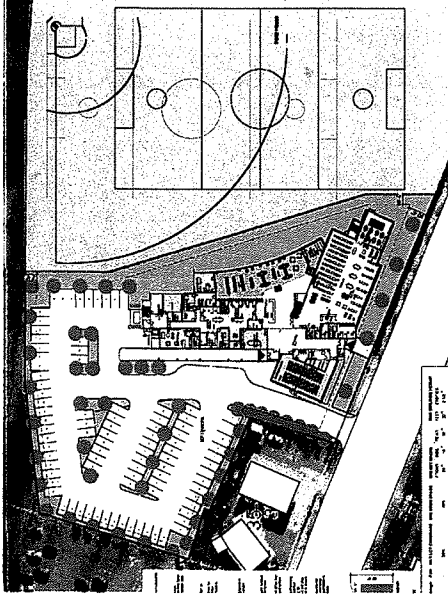


Field misnomenclature (cont'd)

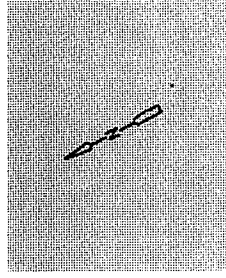
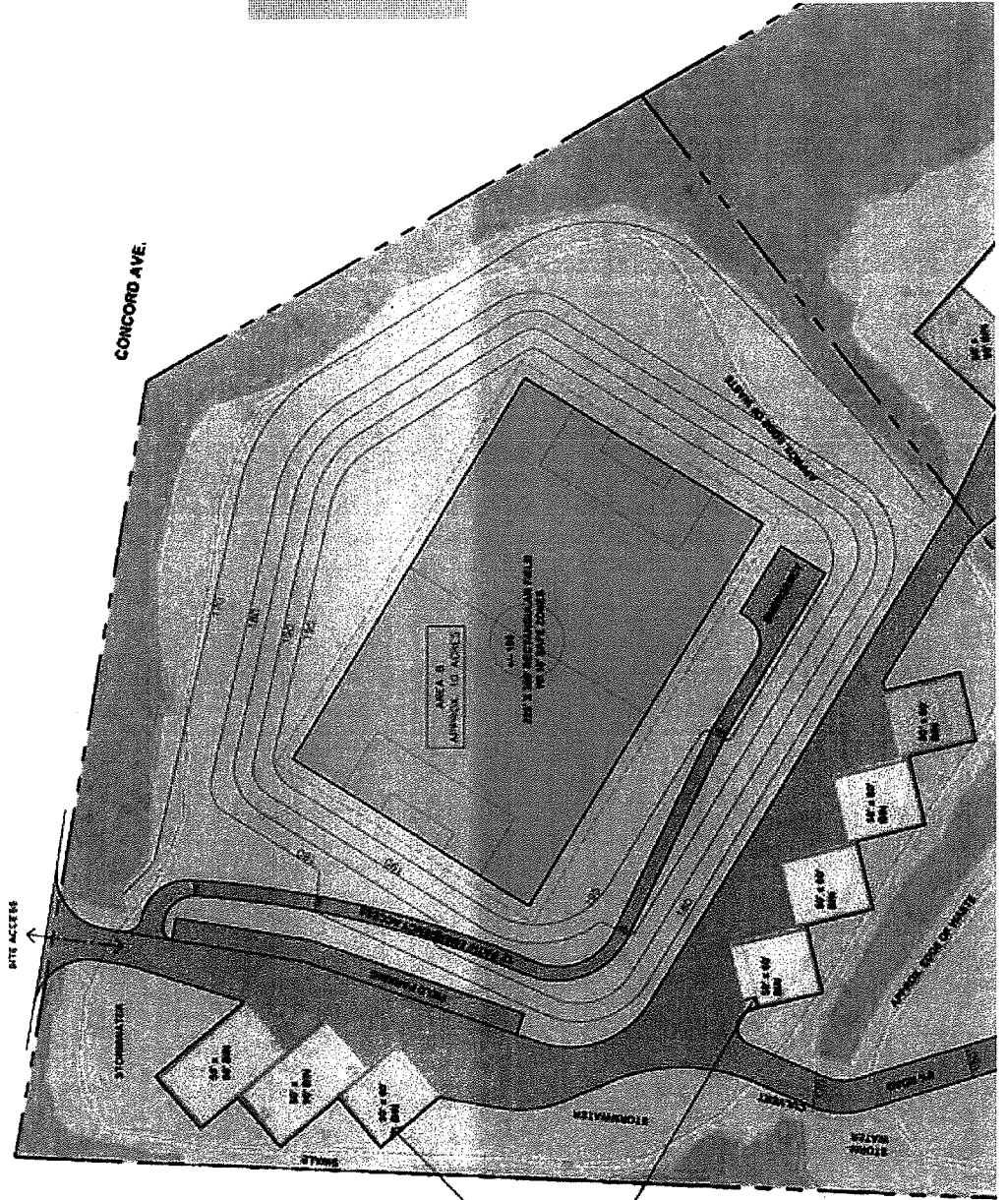
- Other fields used by HS (to varying degrees)
 - Town field (regular use)
 - Chenery SB (regular use)
 - PQ fields
 - Grove street

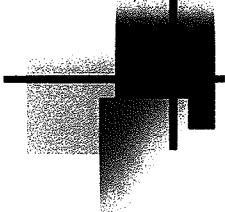
And so, the field:

- The site
 - PureCoat
 - It's not ours
 - Hittinger
 - Needed for other HS uses
 - Rock meadow
 - Won't fit
 - My backyard
 - Conservation committee would not approve
 - Incinerator site ("Clean field")
 - Underwood, under dale

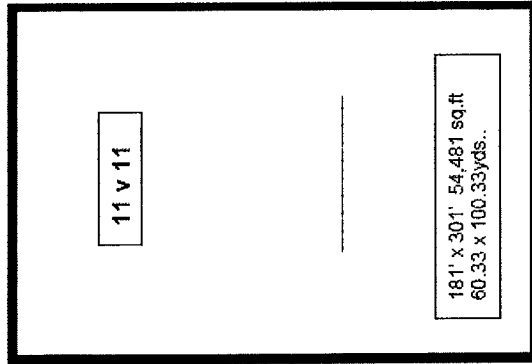


Incinerator site - 225' x 360'



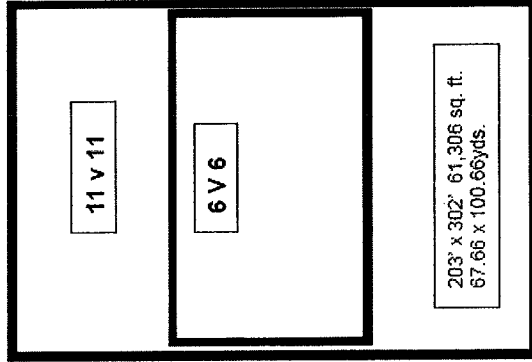


JV Field



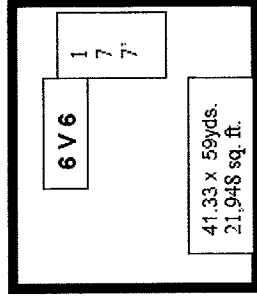
Concord Av.

PQ Field



Maple St.

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SC concerns -- Incinerator

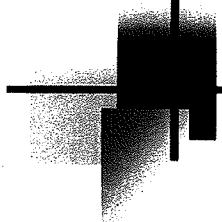
1. Title 9
2. Medical/trainers for home athletic events
3. Shelter for inclement weather
4. Rec. programs (though that may be a community concern, rather than school)
5. Covering recurring added costs
6. Maintenance staff access
7. Power for score boards, if appropriate
8. Reservation of rights

Additional costs

- Total projected cost per season:
\$21,450.00
- Transportation: 55days x \$255.00 =
\$14,025.00
- Trainer coverage: 55days X 3hours/day@
\$45.00perhour = \$7,425.00
- Would need this cost covered

Incinerator upsides and downsides

- Upsides
 - Bigger (regulation) field; can also be used as two (bigger) practice fields
 - More training staff
 - (New library!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)
- Downsides
 - Transportation inconvenience
 - Cost (transportation and staff)



Underwood – concept



Underwood

- Upsides
 - Great location when viewed solely from HS perspective – “on campus”
 - Bigger project
 - CPA money
- Downsides
 - Unresolved legal, political issues, practical issues
 - Field size?

Necessary approvals

- **School Committee approval for land**
- **Town Meeting approval for land**
- **Town Meeting approval for building committee**
- **Town Meeting approval for debt exclusion**
- **Town vote to approve debt exclusion**

Timeline

Solve the field issue;
Get (cond'l) SC approval

April 2013

Debt exclusion
in Fall

July 2012;
No award

TM cond'l approval land;
Building Committee

July 2013
Round
announced.

Fund-raising



SO what?

- We may need some form of approval from school committee
- Conditioned on:
 - Library moving forward (of course)
 - Provision by Town of adequate field space