

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014

6:30 PM **Please Note Start Time**

Room 222

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

#120-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing WESLEY LAYNE as DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES pursuant to Sec. 3-3 of the City Charter (30-days: 05/07/14). [04/03/14 @ 2:10 PM]

#121-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$67,000) from Information Technology Full-time Salaries Account to various technology capital projects including upgrading/replacing 45 computers, upgrades to the Aldermanic Chamber and War Memorial audio/visual equipment, and upgrading equipment for the Fire Department. [03/31/14 @ 3:59 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#125-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the Fire Rescue Full-Time Salaries Account to the Fire Vehicle Equipment Account to purchase a Ford 350 Cutaway Van, which will serve as the replacement of both the 2004 ambulance that was donated to the City and a 1994 Box Truck. 03/31/14 @ 3:59 PM]
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION APPROVED 6-0 on 04/09/14

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#126-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred thirty-four thousand five hundred thirty-five dollars (\$134,535) from the Public Buildings Department Salaries Accounts to the Public Building Department Building Maintenance Accounts as follows:

From: 0111501-511001 \$125,000
0111502-511002 \$2,889
0111501-5197 \$6,636

To: 0111502-52407 \$134,525

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 5-0 on 04/09/14

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#123-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Parks and Recreation Department Full-time Wages Public Grounds Maintenance Account to the Parks and Recreation Department Construction Equipment Account to purchase a scarifier for field maintenance. [03/31/14 @ 3:59 PM]

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUBLIC FACIL, AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#127-14 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Community Preservation Fund to the Parks & Recreation Department for a final design and specifications to rehabilitate the Newton Highlands/Joseph Lee Playground between Winchester and Dedham Streets, as described by that department’s November 2013 proposal and updated March 2014 funding request. [03/24/14 @ 3:10 PM]

**PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 5-0 on 04/09/14
PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 4-0-3 (Blazar, Hess-Mahan, Sangiolo abstaining) on 04/09/14**

#122-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) from Financial Information Systems Department Full-time Salaries Account to a newly created account in the Financial Information Systems Department for the purpose of funding development of a software bridge between the City’s Finance Plus System and the MUNIS system for water/sewer account reconciliations. [03/31/14 @ 3:59 PM]

#124-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Executive Office Full-time Salaries Account as follows:

Purchasing Full-time Salaries (01105-01-511001)	\$6,000
History Museum Full-time Salaries (0160301-51101).....	\$4,000

#384-11(5) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Reserve to the Planning & Development Department for the purpose of funding an appraisal of the former Parks and Recreation property at 70 Crescent Street. [03/31/14 @ 3:59 PM]

#7-13(3) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Reserve to the Planning & Development Department for the purpose of funding an appraisal of the Manet Road Reservoir area. [03/31/14 @ 3:59 PM]

ITEMS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED:

#104-14 ALD. JOHNSON requesting that the Executive Department conducts a complete review and analysis of the policies governing data privacy and the security of resident/business information on the Treasurer's website to be followed with an action plan to protect our residents' data to be completed by the end of Fiscal Year 2014. [02/26/14 @ 9:07 AM]

REFERRED TO LAND USE AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#49-14 LAND USE COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Information Officer regarding the critical need to implement technology which enables the development, management and use of shared, searchable, mobile-accessed (both read and write) database which contains parcel-based information that can be accessed by all city departments (including Planning, Inspectional Services (ISD), Assessing, Engineering, Fire, Police, Health), the Board of Aldermen and the community. This technology must support the work of ISD and other departments in both the office and the field to more effectively and efficiently monitor and enforce compliance with approved special permits and other related Board Orders. [02/10/14 @ 6:47 PM]

#34-14 ALD. FULLER requesting a discussion with the Executive Office regarding the current status and challenges related to the City of Newton pension and retiree healthcare (OPEB) systems. [01/11/14 @ 5:22 PM]

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#403-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY15-FY19 Capital Improvement Plan and Long Range Projection pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/21/13 @ 9:59 AM]

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

#402-13 ALD. FULLER, GENTILE, RICE and LINSKY requesting a Home Rule Petition to amend Article 9 of the Charter to clarify that Neighborhood Area Councils shall maintain and control their own financial accounts and records, independent of City finances; and to further clarify that such independent financial accounts and records shall remain subject to City audit. [10/28/13 @ 10:18 AM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#288-13 PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES requesting that the Administration update the Board of Aldermen when a funding source is determined for the Zervas Elementary School Feasibility Study. [07-11-13 @ 10:10 AM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#41-13 ALD. CROSSLEY, FULLER AND SALVUCCI requesting a discussion with the administration to review how the city inventories, plans for, budgets and accounts for needed smaller capital expenditures (currently set at under \$75,000), which

are excluded from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); how to make these non-CIP capital maintenance items visible, and how to integrate them with the overall planning, CIP, and budgeting processes. [01/14/13 @ 5:02 PM]

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING, LAND USE & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #273-12 ALD. CROSSLEY & HESS-MAHAN requesting a restructuring and increase in fees for permits charged by the Inspectional Services Department and fees charged by the Planning Department and City Clerk to assure that fees are both sufficient to fund related services provided and simple to administer.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #257-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending (1) review of the Fees, Civil Fines/Non-Criminal Disposition contained in Chapter 17 LICENSING AND PERMITS GENERALLY and Chapter 20 CIVIL FINES/NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION CIVIL FINES to ensure they are in accordance with what is being charged and (2) review of the acceptance of G.L. c. 40 §22F, accepted on July 9, 2001, which allows certain municipal boards and officers to fix reasonable fees for the issuance of certain licenses, permits, or certificates.

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUB. FAC., ZAP, AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #256-12 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, SANGIOLO & SWISTON proposing an ordinance promoting economic development and the mobile food truck industry in the City of Newton. [08/06/12 @4:46 PM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #254-12 (3) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE proposing an ordinance to require a fee, charged to consumers, for the use of paper bags at certain retail establishments in the City of Newton. [01/10/14 @ 3:36 pm]
- #248-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that **ARTICLE IV. PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS, Secs. 2-182 through 2-205**, be amended to make it consistent with state law.
- #247-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that Chapter 18 MEMORIAL FUNDS AND TRUSTS be reviewed relative to the consequences and practices of special legislation passed by the General Court in 2007, Chapter 75 of the Acts of 2007, in which the City sought and was granted an exemption from G.L. Chapter 44 §54, which intent was to allow the City greater flexibility in terms of investments.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #185-12 ALD. BAKER, BLAZAR, SANGIOLO, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & DANBERG requesting that the Board of Aldermen adopt a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor asking that, when the Mayor seeks future Board approval for bonding the cost of additional capital facilities or equipment for the schools, he include in that

funding request, as well as in the city-wide Capital Improvement Plan, the estimated costs needed for funding the capital technology needs of the Newton Schools, including the appropriate portions of the estimated project costs of the School Committee's three-year district-wide technology plan not anticipated to be funded by the Information Technology Department budget; the anticipated technology grants from Boston College for the elementary schools; and/or estimated revenue from the E-rate Technology Reimbursement Program.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 6-0 on 07/11/12

REFERRED TO ZONING AND PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #102-11 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, JOHNSON, COMMISSIONER LOJEK, AND CANDACE HAVENS requesting an amendment to Chapter 17 to establish a fee for filing a notice of condo conversion. [03-29-11 @ 4:55PM]
ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED 6-0 on 6/10/13

REFERRED TO ZONING AND PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #95-11 ALD. HESS-MAHAN proposing an ordinance requiring that a notice of conversion to condominium ownership be filed with the Inspectional Services Department and that the property be inspected to determine compliance with all applicable provisions of the state and local codes, ordinances and the rules and regulations of all appropriate regulatory agencies. [03-24-11 @ 9:30AM]
ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED 6-0 on 6/10/13

- #41-11(2) ALD. CICCONE requesting implementation of the fees associated with the Winter Overnight Parking Pilot Program. [09/19/13 @ 3:49 PM]

REFERRED TO LAND USE & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #276-10 ALD. FULLER, CROSSLEY, DANBERG, LINSKY requesting a review of guidelines for mitigation fund provisions to maximize the use of such funds on behalf of the city together with mechanisms by which the city can better track such funds to ensure they are used in a timely fashion.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman



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April 3, 2014

Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
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Newton Centre, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to approve the appointment of Wesley Layne as the City's new Human Resources Director. Wesley brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position, having served in previous roles as the Human Resources Director for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Public Utilities (DPU) and State Auditor's offices, MassPro, Kindred Healthcare, and Sears/Citibank. Prior to these roles, he served as Human Resources Manager for Winchester Hospital, and Franciscan Children's Hospital.

In the State Auditor's Office, Wesley implemented new online performance evaluation programs and full compensation review. At the DPU and Auditors' Office he implemented recruitment reporting for management tracking and planning, including time-to-fill and other data essential to timely hiring.

Wesley has the skillset and leadership capacity needed to lead this critical department, and the ability to attract and retain a terrific workforce to ensure the best possible delivery of services for our residents. Wesley also has the background and experience to ensure that proper performance management standards are in place throughout every department.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren
Mayor

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WESLEY M. LAYNE M.B.M., SPHR

Human Resources Professional / Strategic Business Partner

Results oriented human resource business partner accomplished in leading HR operations and developing HR strategies aligned with short and long term organizational goals. Possessing exceptional organizational capabilities focused on determining, delivering and measuring solutions to build, retain and inspire performance. Proficient in delivering day-to-day HR functions, leading and developing teams, and serving as the primary HR business consultant to senior management on organizational/business issues including change management, talent management, culture, team functioning, and leadership effectiveness.

KEY SKILLS

Building Exceptional Talent - Demonstrated ability leading daily operations driving full lifecycle talent acquisition strategies advancing corporate brands leveraging sourcing tools and technologies

Driving Organizational Capability – Partner with all HR functions, including talent review and performance management, organizational capability and design, compensation, benefits, diversity, employee/labor relations, worker's compensation, leadership development and training delivering easy access and quality service. Serves on planning and policy-making committees

Demonstrated ability in building organization capability and effectiveness – Participates as a contributing partner in the organizational strategic planning process delivering mission, vision and values delivering HR operations which drive corporate goals, objectives and plans. Recommends and establishes company policies and procedures

Business Partnership and Acumen - Uses insight into organizational internal and external business environments to improve people outcomes and business performance; understands the operation of a business; tailors solutions to meet business needs while maintaining an organizations brand. Develops and manages annual budgets for the division and performs periodic cost and productivity analysis. Aids coordinating the administration and negotiation of union, benefits, retirement and workers compensation contracts

Leadership and Influence - Anticipates talent / HR needs, providing thought and guidance; is able to persuade line of needs by effective influence; sets service expectations; has a point of view and can articulate it effectively; communicating with business relevance. Develops and coordinates grievances and mediates workplace disputes

Metric Use and Development - Uses data driven business information (analytics) extracting insight from analysis translating HR solutions via measurable results resolving roadblocks to achieving established metrics. Evaluates procedures and implements technology solutions to improve human resources data management

CAREER HISTORY

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Director of Human Resources

2011 to Present

Developed human resources functions for the DPU and Office of State Auditor. Established clearly defined Human Resources goals, policies, and procedures geared towards the development of a work environment which promotes teamwork, innovation, and excellence in performance. Developed and manage Performance Evaluation process including the implementation of an online eAppraisal and eLearning system, developed and implemented full-cycle recruiting and talent management processes, direct all employee relations functions, coordinated the development of a professional development program, provide recommendations on Personnel Policies and Procedures, including the implementation of progressive discipline processes, established short- and long-term team goals, objectives, policies and operating procedures, and oversee the Employee Assistance Program. Provide labor relations and collective bargaining agreement negotiations support collaboratively with labor attorneys.

Human Resources Consultant

2009 to 2011

Proven results in delivering strategic human resources management which ensures the effective and efficient use of talent to accomplish organizational goals. Responsibilities include providing daily support and leadership in the areas of compensation, performance management, recruiting, employee relations, benefits and retirement plan

administration, organizational training and development and compliance with employment laws in support of business and strategic objectives including audits.

Adept at developing and implementing full cycle strategic talent management processes including; job specific skills assessment recruiting, retention, leadership development, performance management, workforce/succession planning and culture development.

Masspro, Waltham, MA *(Sr. Mgt Team laid-off for sale of organization)*

2007 to 2009

Director of Human Resources

Grew and repositioned a 20-year-old, non-profit government health care contractor into a for-profit corporation focused on health care quality, process improvement, and health information technology (HIT) adoption and implementation.

- Directed all aspects of recruitment and selection; I.S.,HIT, nursing, biostatistics, SAS, executive, management
- Directed the performance management process aligning measurable department and individual goals with corporate goals
- Directed all employee relations, benefits, compensation, retirement and talent management practices
- Developed and implemented policies according to regulatory and cultural requirements

Kindred Healthcare, Newburyport/Andover MA *(returned to school/travel)*

2004 to 2006

District Director of Human Resources

Responsible for human resource operations, including employee relations, recruitment, labor relations, training and development. Provided advice, coaching, and counselling to staff, managers and executives to solve complex business problems. Member of the Corporate HR team responsible for development and implementation of human resource strategy, policy, and programs. Reported to VP of Human Resources.

- Recruited exempt, non-exempt level and contract positions of more than 150 annually
- Departmental direction in Employee Relations and Leadership Development
- Provided Performance Management, Compensation, Organizational Design & Training support
- Led acquisition activities for the District acquiring Commonwealth Healthcare union and non union staff

Sears/CitiCards, Financial Services Division, Salem MA *(Division consolidated following sale)*

2001 to 2004

Human Resource Manager

Directed staff of five in all aspects of human resources. Advised senior management team on policy interpretation, performance standards implementation, compensation guidelines, attendance and incentive targets. Implemented e-recruiting and talent management system for 400-person division.

- Managed daily recruitment, employee relations and payroll functions for 400+ associate retail credit center
- Strategic Business Partner to senior asset management team advising on policy interpretation, performance standards, compensation guidelines, attendance, and incentive target standardization
- National project team lead or participant on Brass Ring E-Recruiting and Talent Management System implementation, Execuserv Exit Interview project, Sourcing Strategies and Retention Teams Project, Realistic Jobs Preview project, Female and Minority Vendor Relations Project
- Conducted national mergers and acquisitions as part of national consolidation team
- Six Sigma Training, Leadership and Business Results Training and completed Change Immersion and Project Management training
- Multi-site direct support for logistics, sales and customer service facilities regionally
- Led merger activities for the District through purchase by Citicards

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Winchester Hospital

Manager of Employment and Employee Relations

Supervised a staff of 9 managing daily all aspects of the Hospital's recruitment activities. Developed and implemented an on-line recruitment strategy and outcome reporting. Heavy employee relations' management utilizing progressive discipline policies. Provide departmental policy interpretation and guidance on extremely sensitive and confidential issues. Worked closely with the Vice President of Human Resources and Senior Management on policy development and regulatory agency compliance issues.

**Franciscan Children's Hospital and Rehabilitation Center
Human Resource Manager**

Supervised and coordinated all daily H.R. operations, including ADP database management, recruitment services, employee relations, wage and salary guideline and policy recommendations. Oversaw workers compensation management, benefits and pension administration. Provided direct recruitment services for professional, technical, nursing, mental health, management and supervisory positions.

**Community Work Services/Community Employment Agency
Employment Training Specialist**

Performed a variety of employment training, employee relations and case management tasks for economically disadvantaged and physically/mentally challenged persons. Coordinated assessments and evaluations, paid-training program assignments, counseling, job placement, job coaching and post employment follow-up as needed. Worked closely with H.U.D., M.R.C., M.C.B., D.M.R. and others.

**Massachusetts General Hospital
H.R. Generalist Asst./Affirmative Action Officer**

Provided employee relations, recruitment, wage and salary, benefits and records support for 1500 employees of research facility and three satellite health centers. Appointed Hospitals Affirmative Action Officer responsible for all Affirmative Action, EEO-1 and Vet's – 100 reporting.

EDUCATION

Professional Education SPHR program, Merrimack College
Masters Degree in Business Management, Cambridge College - Lawrence, MA
Bachelors Degree Courses, Psychology, Northeastern University
Associates Degree, Business Management, N.H.V.T.C., Berlin NH

CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UMASS Collins Center - Implementing Organizational Strategic Management 2012, 2013
MCAD: Introduction to Training Delivery Skills: Needs Assessment, Facilitation, and Follow-Up, Mar 2012
MCAD: Applying Instructional Design Skills to Discrimination Prevention Training, Mar 2012
MCAD: Preventing Harassment in the Workplace, Mar 2012
Payroll Law 2012, Mar. 2012
Essentials of State Procurement – Nov, 2011

REFERENCES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST



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March 31, 2014

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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March 31, 2014

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I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to transfer the sum of \$75,000 from Acct# 0121002-511001 Fire Rescue Full Time Salaries to Acct # C58506 Fire Vehicle Equipment to purchase a Ford 350 Cutaway Van which will serve as the replacement of both the 2004 ambulance that was donated to the City and a 1994 Box Truck.

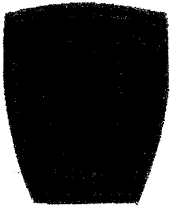
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Bruce A. Proia
Chief

**CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**

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FAX: (617) 796-2211 EMERGENCY: 911**



Setti D. Warren
Mayor

March 21, 2014

Maureen Lemieux
Chief Financial Officer
City of Newton
1164 Centre St
Newton, MA 02459

Maureen,

The Newton Fire Department is requesting to purchase one vehicle for the Wires Division. We have a need to replace a 2004 ambulance that was donated to us by AMR which is our W-6 vehicle, and a 1994 Ford Box Truck which is our W-4 vehicle.

The Box Truck (W-4) has been out of service since 2013 and it was my #3 priority in the CIP from last year. This vehicle has 83,000 miles and is in poor shape needs extensive repairs. The ambulance (W-6) has been recently taken off the road.

Attached, please find a quote from MHQ for the purchase of a Ford E-350 Cutaway Van that will be equipped with storage racks, work bench, 6.3 kw generators for pumps in manholes, re-inforced body compartment for storage of generator, fiber equipment, flooring and lights. You will find the cost of \$74,461.00 which we can purchase through the Plymouth County Commissioners Contract.

Thank you for considering this request, if you have further questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Proia
Chief of Department

Enclosure



March 17, 2014

Newton Fire Dept.
Attn : Chief Bruce Proia

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Please find below a quote for a **Ford E-350 Cutaway Van with 12' Walk In Body** per the Plymouth County Commissioner's Contract PCC121314. M.G.L. c.30B applies to the procurement of all commodities quoted. Plymouth County contract items have been collectively purchased pursuant to M.G.L. c.30B sec. 1c and M.G.L. c.7 sec 22B. The governmental body is responsible to determine the applicability of M.G.L. c.30B to off contract items, including but not limited to, off contract items that have already been properly procured under M.G.L. c.30B sec. 1c and M.G.L. c.7 sec. 22A (purchases from a vendor on contract with the Commonwealth), other contracts procured under M.G.L. c.30B sec. 1c and M.G.L. c.7 sec. 22B or any M.G.L. c. 30B contract between the vendor and the jurisdiction. All off contract items must be procured under M.G.L. c. 30B.

12-24	2013+ E350 Cargo Van, 9,500# GVWR	\$ 22,595.00
	Color : White	no charge
	5.4L V8 FFV Gasoline Engine	included
	Automatic Transmission	included
	Auxiliary Transmission Cooler	included
	Power Steering, Tilt, Intermittent Wipers	included
1.18	High Series Exterior Upgrade Package, included Chrome Front Bumper	415.00
1.14	Limited Slip Rear Axle	265.00
1.01	Dual Cloth Front Bucket Seats	95.00
	HD Front Vinyl Flooring	included
	(5) All Season Tires	included
	Factory Air Conditioning	included
	AM/FM Radio	included
4.09	Upgrade E350 van to a 11,500# GVWR Cutaway Chassis	1,595.00
H2.19	Back Up Alarm	88.00
4.21	Walk In Utility Body for DRW Cutaway Van (White body) - DRW	19,995.00
	to include rooftop HVAC Unit - 25,000 BTU cooling & 45,000 BTU Heating,	
	48" wide "double narrow" rear doorway, FRP reinforced roof,	
	"Crawl Through" Cab Access Doorway & Steel Diamond Plate Flooring	
	(2) "Pipe Doors" on rear, 6' 6" interior Height, 12 feet long, Windows on Rear Doors	
L3.02 (2)	Interior Shelving Package on roadside interior	3,790.00
L3.03 (3)	Interior Workbench (3 x 4' lengths) on curbside interior	2,085.00
L4.31b	6.3 kw Generator with re-inforced body compartment (vented)	9,450.00
H10.12	Class III Receiver Hitch	495.00
H10.13	Slide In Removable Pintle/Ball Combo Hitch	135.00
H10.15	Trailer Wiring - 7 way RV Blade Style Plug	175.00

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Newton Fire E350 DRW Cutaway w-12' walk in 3.17.14 PCC



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H2.19	Electronic Back Up Alarm	88.00	
C5.11	Whelen 295SLSA6 Siren/Switch Combo Unit	425.00	
C6.07	Whelen SA315p Composite Siren Speaker, 100w/123dB	180.00	
C2.25	Whelen ION LED Warning Lights (1 pair) Grille	295.00	red
C4.06	Whelen Super LED Linear TANF85/TADCTL1 Traffic Advisor	695.00	TBD
H2.32	Whelen M4RC Super LED Warning Lights (1 pair) - fender	350.00	
H2.32	Whelen M4RC Super LED Warning Lights (1 pair) - rear wheel	350.00	
H2.33	Whelen M6 Super LED Warning Lights (1 pair) - roadside	395.00	
H2.33	Whelen M6 Super LED Warning Lights (1 pair) - curbside	395.00	
H2.33 (3)	Whelen M6 Super LED Warning Lights (3 pair) - front attic	1,185.00	
H2.33 (2)	Whelen M6 Super LED Warning Lights (2 pair) - rear body	790.00	
H2.42 (2)	Whelen M6 LED Scene Lights (1 pair) - roadside	650.00	
H2.42 (2)	Whelen M6 LED Scene Lights (1 pair) - curbside	650.00	
H2.42 (2)	Whelen M6 LED Scene Lights (1 pair) - rear body	650.00	
non-contract	Whelen M6P15C 15 degree angle Chrome Flanges for scene lights	300.00	6
	Install (1) Customer Supplied Two-Way Radio	included	
L4.35	Graphics Package "C" Deluxe (no Chevron)	595.00	
Total Contract Price:		\$ 69,171.00	

Additional Options :

L4.32c	Paint Van Body Red	3,095.00
H13.05c & d	Paint Cab Only Red	1,500.00
non-contract	Reflective Vinyl "Chevron" on body rear (two color)	695.00
Total with Options :		\$ 74,461.00

Sincerely,

Shawn Daoust
Truck Sales

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March 31, 2014

Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to authorize transfers from salary savings in the public buildings department to the following building maintenance accounts:

Amount	Account From	Account To
\$125,000	0111501-511001	0111502-52407
\$ 2,899	0111502-511002	0111502-52407
\$ 6,636	0111501-5197	0111502-52407

A list of projects to be completed with these funds is attached. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren
Mayor

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT FY 14 EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE ITEMS, ACCOUNT #01-115-02-52407, SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

ITEM #	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST
1	Elliot Street Garage Overhead Door Replacement	\$ 11,400
2	Hawthorn Field House Condensate Return Line Replacement	\$ 15,300
3	Hawthorn Field House Additional Boiler Replacement Work	\$ 12,535
4	Crafts Street Salt Shed Fence Replacement on Prescott Street	\$ 8,500
5	Fire Station #3 & Fire Headquarters UST Repairs/Temp Tank	\$ 14,657
6	Fire Station #1 Boiler Repairs	\$ 7,723
7	Police Garage Overhead Ceiling Heater Replacement	\$ 11,500
8	Police Headquarters HVAC issues	\$ 13,700
9	Albmarle Road Electrical Repairs due to car accident	\$ 19,220
10	Upper Falls Community Center Steamleak in crawl space	\$ 10,000
11	Police Firing Range HVAC Additional Repairs	\$ 10,000

Total Request \$ 134,535

Transfer of Funds:

\$ 125,000	from	01-115-01-511001, Administrative	to	-115-02-52407
\$ 2,899	from	01-115-02-511002, Craftsmen Salaries	to	-115-02-52407
\$ 6,636	from	1-115-01-5197, Current Year Salary Reserve	to	-115-02-52407

\$ 134,535



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March 31, 2014

Honorable Board of Aldermen
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Acct# 0160202-511002 Full Time Wages Public Grounds Maintenance to Acct# 0160202-58502 Construction Equipment to purchase a Scarifier for field maintenance.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren
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Candace Havens
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Community Preservation Committee FUNDING RECOMMENDATION for Newton Highlands Playground Rehabilitation Design

DOCKET
ITEM

date: 1 April 2014

from: Community Preservation Committee

to: The Honorable Board of Aldermen

PROJECT GOALS & ELIGIBILITY

This project will create a final design and biddable specifications to rehabilitate the Newton Highlands/Joseph Lee Playground at Winchester and Dedham Streets, by improving the site's accessibility and aesthetics, upgrading its active recreation facilities, and providing passive recreation access to the wooded area. This park is ideally located to provide badly needed recreation opportunities for Newton residents of all ages, but it is currently underutilized because of poor drainage, outdated facilities and a lack of paths or trails.

This project is eligible for funding under the Community Preservation Act as the rehabilitation of land for outdoor recreation. Both the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Parks & Recreation Department have identified this project as their own top priority for CPA funding.

The 2008 CPA-funded Master Plan for this community park was approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission after extensive community meetings. The Parks & Recreation Department has committed to holding an additional informational meeting to update the community about the project going forward.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING

On 20 March 2014 by a unanimous vote of 8-0 (member Dan Green absent), the Community Preservation Committee recommended appropriating the requested \$200,000, based on this summary budget:

Newton Highlands/Joseph Lee Playground Rehabilitation – Design Phase				
Uses		Sources		% of total
Total design cost	\$320,000	CPA funds	\$200,000	63%
		Private donations	\$120,000	37%
Total	\$320,000	Total	\$320,000	100%

SPECIAL ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE CPC

Matching funds from non-CPA sources: The CPC considered this design funding request in the context of an expected future request for construction funding. Of the total \$3,791,800 cost for all phases, the Parks & Recreation Department expects to request 61.9% from CPA funds and to cover 38.1% from other sources, including significant contributions from Newton's youth leagues for soccer, baseball and football. While making no commitment to recommending construction funds, the CPC found the project's total intended, relatively high proportion of non-CPA funds one compelling reason to support at least the design phase.

website www.newtonma.gov/cpa

contact Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager

email aingerson@newtonma.gov phone 617.796.1144

SPECIAL ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE CPC (cont'd)

Parking: The CPC shared the interest expressed by many park users in improving public access and parking at this site. The Parks & Recreation Department has committed to addressing both concerns in the final design, if possible without adding impermeable surface within the park's current perimeter.

Project components not using CPA funds: CPA funds will not be used for the design or construction of two specific components of this project: artificial turf and the playground/play structures. Funding for artificial turf is prohibited under the Community Preservation Act. Newton's criteria for CPA funding of recreation projects, submitted by the Parks & Recreation Department and endorsed by the CPC in February 2013, state that "projects should not request CPA funds for play equipment or related safety surfacing."

Schedule: This recommended design funding may be made available too late for a construction funding request based on the completed design to be submitted by the upcoming 1 October 2014 proposal deadline. The CPC therefore agreed to consider a construction funding request for this park after that deadline, without committing in advance to recommending funding for that phase of the project.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS (*funding conditions*)

1. The recommended CPA funds should be appropriated to the control of the Commissioner of Parks & Recreation from the Community Preservation Fund's general/ unrestricted fund balance and should be allocated 100% to recreation.
2. No CPA funds should be expended for design until the Parks & Recreation Department has submitted to the CPC written documentation showing that all funds required to complete this phase of the project have been committed.
3. The Parks & Recreation Department will provide project updates to the CPC and Board of Aldermen upon request, including reports on the progress of community fundraising and documentation showing that CPA funds were not spent to design the artificial turf field or playground/play structures.
4. Any portion of the Community Preservation Fund grant not used for the purposes stated herein will be returned to the Newton Community Preservation Fund.
5. Before submitting any construction funding request, the Parks & Recreation Department will obtain all required reviews and approvals of the final design, including from the Conservation Commission and the Design Review Committee.
6. Any construction funding request for this park submitted to the CPC will briefly summarize and explain any differences between the final design and the 2008 CPA-funded master plan for the same park.

KEY OUTCOMES

The Community Preservation Committee will evaluate this project based on these key outcomes

1. completion of the final design without the need for any additional CPA funding
2. submission by winter 2014-15 of a construction funding request based on professional cost estimates for the scope of work in the completed final design

ATTACHMENTS

(delivered to the clerks of the Programs & Services, Public Facilities and Finance Committees)

- CPC webpage for this project, with links to documents listed below as well as additional project information: www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa/projects/upperfalls.asp#Highlands
- Final funding request and overall project budget (March 2014)
- Original Proposal (November 2013), with supporting documentation
- Letters of support submitted as part of the proposal
- Additional written community feedback submitted directly to the CPC

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

?? May 2014

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) through its Chairman, Joel Feinberg; the Programs & Services Committee through its Chairman Alderman Amy Sangiolo; the Public Facilities Committee through its chairman Alderman Deborah Crossley; and the Finance Committee through its Chairman Alderman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund as shown below to the control of the Parks & Recreation Department, to create a final design and biddable specifications for the rehabilitation of the Newton Highlands/Joseph Lee Playground at Winchester and Dedham Streets, as detailed in the CPC's March 2014 funding recommendation to the Board of Aldermen and the November 2013-March 2014 proposal submitted to the CPC.

From: CPA general fund balance (21-3599)\$200,000

To: Newton Highlands Playground Design (21D60215-530202)\$200,000



Community Preservation Program

Newton Upper Falls & Newton Highlands/Joseph Lee Playgrounds

location: Upper Falls Playground, Pennsylvania Avenue & Chestnut Street
 Newton Highlands/Joseph Lee Playground, Winchester & Dedham Streets

Please note: The playground on Lincoln Street, also in Newton Highlands, is the Hyde Playground.

goals: Rehabilitate these community parks to meet current needs for active and passive recreation, based on initial site inventories and assessments, land surveys, community participation, design alternatives leading to final designs.

funding:	\$92,080	CP funds appropriated (recreation)
	\$15,580	unspent funds returned

\$76,500	TOTAL CP funds spent
\$200,000	CP funds requested

total projects: 2 (listed below in reverse chronological order)

contacts: Commissioner of Parks & Recreation
 City of Newton
 124 Vernon Street
 Newton, MA 02458
 email: bderubeis@newtonma.gov
 phone: 617.796.1500

Newton Highlands/Joseph Lee Playground

goals: For this phase, create final construction drawings and biddable specifications based on the 2008 CPA-supported [master plan](#) below.

funding (revised March 2014)	\$200,000	CPA funds requested for design phase (recreation)
from November 2013 submission):	\$2,147,400	anticipated request for additional CPA funds (construction phase)
	\$1,444,400	anticipated non-CPA funding - City staff time for

project mgmt. and private donations (design & construction phases)

\$3,791,800 total project cost

contacts: Commissioner of Parks & Recreation (see contact information above)

Proposal Review & Appropriations

14 February 2013 [pre-proposal](#), with attachments:

large-scale [aerial photograph and map](#)

large-scale [board of site photographs](#)

13 November 2013 [full proposal](#), including these attachments:

- project budgets (development & operating/maintenance)
- sponsoring organization budget (Newton Parks & Recreation Department)
- dept. head letter
- letters of support, included with original proposal
- [photos & maps](#) (attachments posted separately) *This large file may load slowly.*

22 January 2014 [slide presentation to CPC public hearing](#)

[minutes of CPC public hearing](#)

3 February 2014 [additional letters of support submitted by project sponsor](#)

March 2014 [updated project budgets & response to CPC/community questions](#)

Project News

Spring 2008 [Highlands Playground Master Plan](#) *This long file may load slowly.*

July 2011 [Revised site plan](#) - Option 3

Newton Upper Falls Playground

goals: Implement the first phase of the CPA-supported master plan above.

funding: \$450,000 CP funds requested (historic resources)

contacts: Commissioner of Parks & Recreation (see contact information above)

Proposal Review & Appropriations

December 2007 [proposal](#), with attachments:

[declaration of historical significance](#) by the Newton Historical Commission (23 October 2007)

[other attachments](#): aerial view, historic documents, letters of support, etc.

23 January 2008 [public hearing presentation](#) (with photos)

19 March 2008 [CPA eligibility review](#) (based on statute as of 2008)
Based on advice from the City of Newton Law Department, the CPC declined to consider this proposal in the historic resources category until its historic resources rationale had been strengthened.

Project News

1897 [artist's view of this playground's future site](#)
Spring 2008 [Upper Falls Playground Master Plan](#) *This long file may load slowly.*

Master Planning for Both Sites

Review & Appropriations

January 2005-
March 2006

- [proposal](#) (submitted January 2005) *This long document may load slowly.*
- [petition](#) for Highlands Playground only (submitted to Parks & Recreation Dept. January 2005)
- [timeline & costs](#) (submitted 24 March 2006)

March 2006 public hearing [presentation](#) (with photos) *This long document may load slowly.*

20 April 2006 [CPC funding recommendation](#)

5 June 2006 [Board order](#) (appropriation)

Project TITLE		Rehabilitation Design of Newton Highlands Playground	
Project BUDGET		USES of Funds (major expense categories)	SOURCES of Funds (CPA & others)
CAPITAL/DEVELOPMENT COSTS			
Design/Bid Phase	\$320,000	CPA fund request:	\$200,000
		Private donations:	\$120,000
Construction Phases (future application)	\$3,416,800	Anticipated CPA fund request:	\$2,147,400
		Private donations - Syn turf.	\$1,097,400
		Private donation –Play eqpmt.	\$172,000
In-house Project Management	\$ 25,000	Parks & Recreation Dept. (\$12,500 dsgn+\$12,500 const constr.)	\$ 25,000
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TOTAL	\$3,791,800	TOTAL	\$3,791,800
ANNUAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE (cannot use CPA funds)			
Park operations and maintenance	\$33,255	P&R operating budget + league support for fields maintenance of athletic fields	\$33,255
	\$ 000		\$ 000
TOTAL	\$33,255	TOTAL	\$33,255
Project TIMELINE	Phase or Task	Notes (required fundraising, permits, bidding, etc.)	Season & Year
	RFP/Contract with Engineering-Landscape Architectural firm	Bidding	Spring 2014
	Public Informational Meeting – Project Update		Summer 2014
	Final Design Construction Documents		Summer 2014-Winter 2015
	CPC Funding Request for Construction	Fundraising	Winter/Spring 2015

Memorandum

Date: March 7, 2014

To: Alice Ingerson, Program Manager and the Community Preservation
Committee

From: Carol Schein, Open Space Coordinator

Re: Newton Highlands Playground Project – Updated Cost Estimate

Enclosed is the revised cost estimate (dated March 7, 2014) for the proposed
Newton Highlands Playground project.

1. As requested by the CPC at their 1/22/14 meeting, the project cost estimate has been updated to reflect today's prices. All line items have been increased by 7.5%.
2. After further review and analysis, the cost related to construction administration has been separated from the design phase, and, as well, a supplemental task not pertinent to the project was eliminated. The design and engineering fee is now 9.5% of the construction cost.

As a result, our funding request for the final design/construction document phase has been reduced from \$240,000 to \$200,000.

Newton Highlands CPC Final Cost Estimate Summary - Updated March 31, 2014
(from version submitted for 20 March 2014 CPC working session)

1. CPA Funding Request - current and future

Item Description	2014 Est. Cost	2011 Est. Cost	Hard Cost	Soft Cost	CPA Funding Request
athletic field lights	\$ 322,500	\$ 300,000			
little league field w/lights	\$ 565,000	\$ 525,568			
open area/practice field	\$ 169,300	\$ 157,500			
tennis courts	\$ 129,800	\$ 120,698			
basketball court	\$ 74,800	\$ 69,595			
parking lot	\$ 63,100	\$ 58,690			
amenities building	\$ 365,500	\$ 340,000			
playground subbase	\$ 64,500	\$ 60,000			
subtotal:	\$ 1,754,500	\$ 1,632,051			
contractor o&p (10%)	\$ 175,450	\$ 163,205			
contingency (10%)	\$ 175,450	\$ 163,205			
total construction cost:	\$ 2,105,400	\$ 1,958,461	\$ 2,105,400		
construction administration				\$ 42,000	
total construction phase					\$ 2,147,400 (Future)
engineering & design fee				\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000 (Current)

2. Anticipated Private Donations

Item Description	2014 Est. Cost	2011 Est. Cost	Hard Cost	Soft Cost	Total Private Donations
synthetic athletic field	\$ 1,097,400	\$ 1,020,845			
play equipment/safety surfacing	\$ 172,000	\$ 160,000			
total construction cost:	\$ 1,269,400	\$ 1,180,845	\$ 1,269,400		
construction administration				\$ 30,000	
total construction phase					\$ 1,299,400 (Future)
engineering & design fee				\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000 (Current)

3. In-house Project Management (Parks & Recreation)

Item Description	2014 Est. Cost	2011 Est. Cost	Hard Cost	Soft Cost	Total In-house Contribution
Design Phase/Bid	\$ 12,500	\$ 3,540			
Construction Phase	\$ 12,500	\$ 5,060			
	\$ 25,000	\$ 8,600		\$ 25,000	
					\$ 25,000

Total Hard	Total Soft	Total Project
\$ 3,374,800	\$ 417,000	\$ 3,791,800

February 27, 2014

Parks and Recreation's Responses (*in red italics*) to Questions from the Newton League of Women Voters (NLWV) on the Final Proposal to the Community Preservation Committee entitled: Rehabilitation Design of Newton Highlands Playground

NLWV questions dated 1.22.14:

Is commercial parking another major benefit of this project? *No. The parking area is actually the northern end of Upland Avenue. It is a 50'-wide private right-of way. The City controls from the edge of the park up to the centerline and the abutting businesses control the other side up to the centerline.*

Have the proponents explored permeable pavement treatments for the parking lot & the tennis courts—especially as this is a wet area? *Permeable paving has been considered; it is to be explored in final design.*

We note there is \$220,000 allocated for playground equipment. *Refer to the proposal's Project Budget. Roughly one third of the total playground cost has been allocated to the sub-base/under drainage of the area's footprint. Roughly two-thirds is estimated for the actual play equipment and resilient safety surfacing.*

- Is it designed for a specific age group e.g. Tot lot, preschool, or elementary? *It is designed as two contiguous areas: one for pre-school-age children and one for school-age (5-12 year old) children. Is the primary target the nearby preschool, younger siblings of children playing the organized sports, neighbors? All of the above.*
- Is this part of the proposal? It appears to be, based on the submitted materials. *Yes.*
- Is it CPC policy to fund playground equipment? *No.*
- Would funding this set a precedent? *No.*

Is the City committed to funding this project after the plans are done? Or is the CPA on the hook for the bulk of the remaining \$3.5 million? *Refer to the proposal's Project BUDGET.*

Will the final project address the flooding here? *Yes.*

The proponents indicate that local businesses have expressed willingness to help fund the project. Where is the plan to show this funding and how it will be used? Where is the list of those businesses committed to help? *The project has been and will continue to be under discussion with abutting businesses as the project moves forward. For one, Chapman Construction/Design, an abutting business, is very interested in working with us.*

The application also appears to reference other privately funded improvements. What are they? How will the projects be jointly managed (if indeed they will be)? *Refer to the proposal's Project BUDGET. Parks and Recreation will manage all the projects.*

How long is the "walking trail"/loop path in the woods? Where does the tail end go and why? *The length and alignment are to be determined in final design.*

What are the materials of that path and where is it reflected in the budget? *Stone dust was proposed in the master plan and \$15,000 allocated.*

Bleachers are proposed on only one side of the soccer/football field- why not both sides (abutting the back sides of the houses on Wade Street) as usual for both home and away spectators? *The width of the proposed soccer field makes it tight.*

Which Little League uses this field? Will they be using the concessions/amenity building also? *The park's existing field is a baseball field. Newton South-East Little League will use the proposed Little League field & building.*

Will the 10' PVC coated Chain link around tennis courts to be black (hopefully)? *Yes.*

Recommendation: Wait until neighbors' support is secured.

Comments by Newton League of Women Voters on Fy14 Proposals to the Newton CPC, summarized at 22 January 2014 public hearing, received in writing 23 January 2014

From: Carol Schein <cschein@newtonma.gov>
To: Ingerson Alice, Derubeis Bob
Subject: Prop. NHighlnd Plygnd CPC Project - ConCom
Date sent: Mon, 24 Feb 2014 11:51:15 -0500
Send reply to: cschein@newtonma.gov

Alice and Bob,

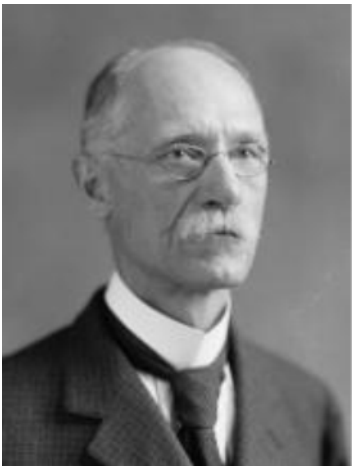
As suggested at the 1.22.14 CPC public hearing, I met with Jennifer Steel, Sr. Environmental Planner, in order to confirm whether or not the proposed Newton Highlands Playground project would fall under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. Not perfectly obvious to her, she took the question to DEP. They said "yes," the project would require a Notice of Intent (NOI).

The reason is the state requires its stormwater management standards be met at the point of discharge. Specifically, the water quality and quantity need to be compliant where discharged into the storm water system (culverted Stearns Brook), as that water eventually empties into an open stream (South Meadow Brook).

--Carol

Carol Schein
Open Space Coordinator
Newton Parks and Recreation
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Newton Highlands (a.k.a. Joseph Lee) Playground Rehabilitation Design



Joseph Lee, Father of the Playground Movement



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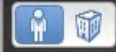
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- 2007 CPA-funded Master Plan
- 3 public hearings/user survey
- Approved by P&R Commission



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 CLIENT: NEWTON ATHLETIC CENTER
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LAYOUT PLAN OPTION 3

SCALE: 1" = 40' 0"

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2011 League-funded Feasibility Study Layout Plan

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Proposed Park Entrance, Dedham Street (Weston & Sampson, 2008)



**Newton, Massachusetts Community Preservation Program
FUNDING REQUEST**

(For staff use)
date rec'd:
3:30 pm,
13 Nov 2013

PRE-PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL

Setti D. Warren
Mayor

Form last revised January 2013.

For full instructions, see www.newtonma.gov/cpa or contact:

Community Preservation Program Manager,
City of Newton Planning & Development Department, 1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA 02459
aingerson@newtonma.gov 617.796.1144

You may adjust the space for each question, but the combined answers to all questions on this page must fit on this page.

Project TITLE	Rehabilitation Design of Newton Highlands Playground			
Project LOCATION	Full street address (with zip code), or other precise location. Dedham Street, Newton Highlands 02461			
Project CONTACTS	Name & title or organization	Email	Phone	Mailing address
Project Manager	Carol Schein, Open Space Coordinator	cschein@newtonma.gov	617-796-1507	Parks and Recreation 124 Vernon Street Newton, MA 02458
Other Contacts	Robert DeRubeis, Commissioner	bdcubeis@newtonma.gov	617-796-1500	Same as above
Project FUNDING	CPA funds requested: \$240,000 (design only)	Future CPA request: \$1,960,000	Non-CPA funds to be used: \$1,311,000	Total project cost: \$3,511,100
Project SUMMARY	Explain the project's community benefits, including those that make the project CPA-eligible, and why CPA funds are needed. You may provide more information in attachments, but your SUMMARY MUST FIT IN THIS SPACE.			
<p><u>Project Description</u> Newton Highlands Playground, known as "the park behind Tedeschi's where they play Pop Warner Football," or historically as Joseph Lee Playground, is a 13.3-acre underused neighborhood playground in need of rehabilitation. Under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department, the park, 60% open, 40% wooded, is located on Upland Avenue off of Dedham Street, and is set amid residences and businesses at the northern terminus of Needham Street's commercial corridor, just south of Route 9. Due to years of wear and tear and a lack of capital investment this large facility has seen a decline in use and user satisfaction. The intent of this project is to re-establish this existing open space asset as a focal point for neighborhood life and to provide accessible and improved recreational opportunities – a balance of formal and informal active and passive activities - - for both daily neighborhood use and city-wide use. Refurbishing its image and expanding its usability will greatly enhance the vitality of Newton's parks and open space system, a benefit to the entire community.</p> <p><u>Scope of Work</u> Using the CPA-funded 2006 Master Plan as a guide along with the 2011 Feasibility Study funded by Newton Youth Baseball, Pop Warner Football and Newton Youth Soccer, this application is for funding to procure the services of a professional landscape architectural/engineering consultant to produce final construction documents: plans, specifications and cost estimate for the park, exclusive of the proposed artificial turf field and the playground equipment, as these are to be funded privately.</p> <p>The leagues have begun fund-raising and some abutting businesses on Upland Road have expressed an interest in contributing to the park. The neighborhood has recently drawn up a wish list for a new playground and it too has begun fundraising.</p> <p><u>Project Manager</u> Carol Schein, landscape designer, will be the Project Manager. She has managed other CPA projects on time and on budget, as well as CIP and CDBG projects over the past 10 years. She has over 25 years' project management experience in the public sector.</p> <p>As a staffperson, cognizant of the Department's capabilities and operating budget, programs and permits, she can ensure maintenance considerations as well as access for all residents will be integrated into the design.</p>				

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Project TITLE	Rehabilitation Design of Newton Highlands Playground				
USE of CPA FUNDS	HISTORIC RESOURCES	OPEN SPACE	Or	RECREATION LAND	COMMUNITY HOUSING
Check all that apply.	acquire				Contact staff for separate form.
	create	not allowed			
	preserve				
	rehabilitate/restore		X	X	
COMMUNITY NEEDS	Cite 1 or more recognized community needs this project will address from at least 2 community plans listed on the <i>Guidelines & Forms</i> page of www.newtonma.gov/cpa , (give plan title, year, pages & a brief quote).				
<p>In the Comprehensive Plan, Section 7: Open Space and Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 7-3 Goal#2: ensure an adequate amount, variety and distribution of open space for both public benefit and biodiversity. Goal #3: To integrate compatible recreation and conservation uses. Goal #5: To assure a well-informed and well-coordinated stewardship for the open space and recreation resources for which the City is...custodian. Page 7-8 #18. Enact the recommendations of the Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities...to remove or modify existing barriers to existing facilities. <p>Recreation and Open Space Plan Update – 2013-2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1, page 1 of 2, Plan Summary: -- Need to continue expanding accessibility for persons with disabilities on multiple tracks to address active and passive recreation sites. -- Ongoing need for active playfield space. Section 9, page 12 of 23, Active Use Recreation – Action Program: Newton Highlands Playgrounds is listed under Facility Improvements. Appendix D, page 10 of 17, Attachment V: Newton Parks & Recreation Dept. Accessibility Prioritization Project. On the first page, N. Highlands Playground is listed as one of the Department’s top three priorities for improved access. 					
COMMUNITY CONTACTS	List 3 Newton residents or organizations that can comment on the project and its manager’s qualifications. No more than 1 of these contacts should be a Board member, supervisor, employee or current work colleague of the project manager. Formal letters of support may also be attached but are not required.				
Name & title or organization	Email	Phone	Mailing address		
Commissioner R. DeRubeis	bderubeis@newtonma.gov	617-796-1500	Parks and Recreation 124 Vernon Street Newton, MA 02458		
Ted Tye	tye@natdev.com	617-527-9800	National Development 2310 Washington St. Newton, MA 02462		
Elliott M. Lowe, Atty.	emlpc@comcast.net	617-969-2660	51 Winchester S., Ste. 205 Newton, MA 02461		
NON-CPA FUNDING	Source of funds	Amount requested	Date of funding decision (confirmed or expected)		
Newton Youth Soccer, Newton Little League, Pop Warner Football/abutting businesses/other donors – synthetic field		\$1,142,500	expected		
Neighborhood/abutting businesses/others – play equipment		\$160,000	expected		
Parks and Recreation Department		\$8,600	confirmed		

Attachments NOT required for this proposal have been ~~greyed-out~~ below by CPC staff.

This file includes the attachments outlined in red. Other attachments posted separately on CPC website.

Project TITLE		Rehabilitation Design for Newton Highlands Playground	
Required or Optional?	Check if included	Attachment Title & Description	
REQUIRED for all proposals	✓	PHOTOS	of existing site or resource conditions (2-3 photos may be enough)
	✓	MAP	of site in relation to nearest major roads (omit if project has no site)
		PROJECT FINANCES printed and as computer spreadsheets, with both uses & sources of funds	
	✓	development pro forma/capital budget: include total cost, hard vs. soft costs and contingencies, and project management – amount and cost of time from contractors or staff (in-kind contributions by existing staff must also be costed)	
	✓	10-year annual operating & maintenance budget (CPA funds may not be used here)	
	not yet available	non-CPA funding: commitment letters, letters of inquiry to other funders, fundraising plans, etc., including both cash and est. dollar value of in-kind contributions	
		purchasing of goods & services: short email or letter summarizing sponsor's understanding of applicable statutes (MGL ch. 30, 30B and/or 149) and City policies	
		SPONSOR FINANCES & QUALIFICATIONS	
	✓	for sponsoring department or organization, most recent annual operating budget (revenue & expenses) & financial statement (assets & liabilities); each must include both public (City) and private resources ("friends" organizations, fundraising, etc.)	
	✓	for project manager: relevant training & track record of managing similar projects	
OPTIONAL for all proposals	✓	LETTERS of SUPPORT	from Newton residents, organizations, or businesses
REQUIRED for all proposals that involve City govt., including real estate acquisitions	✓	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN	current listing/ranking & factors for this project
	✓	COVER LETTER	from head of City department, board or commission confirming: current custody, or willingness to accept custody, of the resource and commitment of staff time for project management
REQUIRED for all historic resources proposals		HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE	see separate instructions for 3 required attachments analyzing significance and showing how project meets national preservation standards
REQUIRED for all proposals involving real estate acquisition, construction or improvements Consult staff to confirm requirements for each project.		SITE CONTROL, VALUE & DEED RESTRICTIONS	
		legally binding option, purchase & sale agreement or deed	
		appraisal by an independent, certified real estate appraiser (the CPC may also commission its own, separate appraisal)	
		owner's agreement to a permanent deed restriction (for affordability, historic preservation or land conservation)	
		ZONING & PERMITTING	
		short email confirmation of review by the Development Review Team (DRT)	
		brief property history: at least the last 30 years of ownership & use	
		environmental mitigation plans (incl. lead paint, asbestos, underground tanks)	
		zoning relief and permits required (incl. parking waivers, demolition or building permits, comprehensive permit or special permit)	
		other approvals required (Newton Conservation Commission, Newton Historical Commission, Newton Commission on Disabilities, Massachusetts Historical Commission, Massachusetts Architectural Access Board, etc.)	
		DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION	
		professional design & cost estimates: include site plan, floor plans & elevations	
	materials & finishes; highlight "green" or sustainable features & materials		

Rehabilitation Design of Newton Highlands Playground
Project Cost Estimate Detail - November 15, 2013

1. CPA Funding Request - current and future

Item Description	2011 Est. Cost	Hard Cost	Soft Cost
athletic field lights	\$ 300,000		
II league field w/lights	\$ 525,568		
open area/practice field	\$ 157,500		
tennis courts	\$ 120,698		
basketball court	\$ 69,595		
parking lot	\$ 58,690		
amenities building	\$ 340,000		
playground	\$ 60,000		
subtotal	\$ 1,632,051		
contractor o&p (10%)	\$ 163,205		
contingency (10%)	\$ 163,205		
total construction cost:	\$ 1,958,461	\$ 1,960,000	
			(future CPA funding request)
engineering & design fee	\$ 235,015		\$ 240,000
			(current CPA funding request)

2. Anticipated Donations

Item Description	2011 Est. Cost	Hard Cost	Soft Cost
synthetic athletic field	\$ 1,020,845		
play equipment	\$ 160,000		
total construction cost:	\$ 1,180,845	\$ 1,180,000	
engineering & design fee	\$ 118,085		\$ 122,500

3. Project Management (Parks & Recreation)

Item Description	Est. Cost	Hard Cost	Soft Cost
Design Phase	\$ 3,540		
Bid/Construction Phase	\$ 5,060		
	\$ 8,600		\$ 8,600

Total Hard	Total Soft	Total Project
\$ 3,140,000	\$ 371,100	\$ 3,511,100

COST ESTIMATE - NEWTON HIGHLANDS							
Synthetic Turf Field							
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	COST	TOTAL COST	REMARKS
1	Site Preparation					\$ 28,900.00	
1a	Strip and Screen and haul topsoil (assume 10")	CY	3,000	\$ 9.00	\$ 27,000.00		
1b	Ordinary Borrow Fill	CY	200	\$ 9.50	\$ 1,900.00		
2	Demolition					\$ 10,000.00	
2a	Misc. Demolition	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		
3	Synthetic Turf Field Preparation					\$ 144,100.00	
3a	Prepare sub-base, shape and compact (Field)	SY	9,200	\$ 2.00	\$ 18,400.00		
3b	Top Stone Layer Under Turf (2")	Ton	690	\$ 30.00	\$ 20,700.00		
3c	Crushed Stone Base under Field 10" Thick	Ton	3,500	\$ 30.00	\$ 105,000.00		
4	Concrete					\$ 79,449.50	
4a	Anchor curbing with drainage	LF	230	\$ 75.00	\$ 17,250.00		
4b	Concrete anchor curbing	LF	920	\$ 30.00	\$ 27,600.00		
4c	Concrete pad for bleachers	CY	67	\$ 500.00	\$ 33,500.00		
4d	Stone underneath concrete bleacher pad	Ton	30	\$ 30.00	\$ 900.00		
4e	Prepare sub-base, shape, compact and fine grade	SY	133	\$ 1.50	\$ 199.50		
5	Athletic Surfacing (Synthetic Turf Grass)					\$ 433,515.00	
5a	Filled-Turf installed (Premium)	SF	82,350	\$ 4.90	\$ 403,515.00		
5b	Synthetic Turf Striping	Sport	3	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		
6	Subsurface Drainage (Synthetic Turf Fields)					\$ 96,080.00	
6a	Geotextile Separation Layer	SY	9150	\$ 2.00	\$ 18,300.00		
6b	12" Flat Panel Drain	LF	3820	\$ 4.00	\$ 15,280.00		
6c	Infiltration Trench with 12" PERF HDPE	LF	700	\$ 50.00	\$ 35,000.00		
6d	18" Nyloplast Structures	EA	4	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,000.00		
6e	Precast Outlet Structure	EA	1	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00		
6f	10" PERF. HDPE	LF	100	\$ 30.00	\$ 3,000.00		
6g	12" PERF. HDPE	LF	500	\$ 30.00	\$ 15,000.00		
7	Storm Drainage					\$ 19,000.00	
7a	Misc. Drainage/ Connection to existing DMH	LS	2	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		
6h	12" HDPE	LF	300	\$ 30.00	\$ 9,000.00		
8	Fencing					\$ 61,300.00	
8a	4' chain link fence	LF	1200	\$ 45.00	\$ 54,000.00		
8b	6' chain link fence	LF	0	\$ 55.00	\$ -		
8c	4' wide pedestrian gate	EA	3	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,500.00		
8d	12' wide maintenance gate	EA	1	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00		
10	Bituminous Concrete Walkways (all)					\$ 72,800.00	
3a	3" Bituminous Concrete Pavement	Ton	326	\$ 120.00	\$ 39,120.00		
3b	Gravel Base for Pavement (10")	Ton	1100	\$ 25.00	\$ 27,500.00		
3c	Prepare Subbase, Shape, Compact, and Fine Grade Court Areas	SY	2060	\$ 3.00	\$ 6,180.00		
11	Landscaping					\$ 5,700.00	
11a	Spread screened loam, non field areas	CY	150	\$ 20.00	\$ 3,000.00		
11b	Non-athletic field seed	SF	9000	\$ 0.30	\$ 2,700.00		
12	Spectator Seating					\$ 40,000.00	
12	Portable Bleachers	SE	200	\$ 200.00	\$ 40,000.00		
13	Athletic Field Lighting					\$300,000.00	
13a	Site Electrical (connection of system)	LS	1	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00		
13b	MUSCO Athletic Field Lighting System	Pole	4	\$65,000.00	\$260,000.00		
14	Scoring					\$30,000.00	
14a	Multi-Purpose Scoreboard	EA	1	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00		
						Subtotal \$ 1,320,845	

COST ESTIMATE - NEWTON HIGHLANDS
Natural Turf Little League Field

21-Feb-12

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	COST	TOTAL COST	REMARKS
1	Demolition					\$ 6,000.00	
1a	Remove 6' chain link fence	LS	1	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		
2	Site Preparation					\$ 37,250.00	
2a	Strip and Screen and stockpile topsoil (assume 10")	CY	1500	\$ 9.00	\$ 13,500.00		
2b	Ordinary Borrow - Fill	CY	2500	\$ 9.50	\$ 23,750.00		
3	Natural Turf Field Preparation					\$ 53,900.00	
3a	Prepare sub-base, shape and compact	SY	5,200	\$ 2.00	\$ 10,400.00		
3b	Drainage Stone under Field 6" Thick	CY	850	\$ 30.00	\$ 25,500.00		
3c	Clay Infield mix	Ton	400	\$ 45.00	\$ 18,000.00		
4	Concrete					\$ 10,367.50	
4a	Conc. pads for dugouts	CY	20	\$ 500.00	\$ 10,000.00		
4b	Stone underneath concrete pads	Ton	10	\$ 30.00	\$ 300.00		
4c	Prepare sub-base, shape, compact and fine grade	SY	45	\$ 1.50	\$ 67.50		
5	Athletic Surfacing (Natural Turf Grass)					\$ 92,050.00	
5a	Install irrigation system and controller	Field	1	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		
5b	Place and amend root zone materials, 8"	CY	1150	\$ 35.00	\$ 40,250.00		
5c	Seed Athletic Field Mix and fine grade	SF	46,000	\$ 0.30	\$ 13,800.00		
5d	Turf establishment requirements	LS	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00		
6	Subsurface Drainage (Natural Turf Fields)					\$ 21,800.00	
6a	12" Flat panel drains	LF	1700	\$ 4.00	\$ 6,800.00		
6b	12" PERF. HDPE	LF	400	\$ 30.00	\$ 12,000.00		
6c	18" Nyloplast DMH	EA	2	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00		
7	Storm Drainage					\$ 22,000.00	
7a	Misc. Drainage/ Connection to existing DMH	LS	2	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		
7b	12" HDPE	LF	200	\$ 30.00	\$ 6,000.00		
7c	24" Nyloplast DMH	EA	3	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		
8	Landscaping					\$ 5,700.00	
8a	Spread screened loam, non field areas	CY	150	\$ 20.00	\$ 3,000.00		
8b	Non-athletic field seed	SF	9000	\$ 0.30	\$ 2,700.00		
9	Fencing					\$ 58,000.00	
9a	Backstop	LS	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		
9b	4' chain link fence	LF	600	\$ 45.00	\$ 27,000.00		
9c	6' chain link fence	LF	200	\$ 55.00	\$ 11,000.00		
10	Athletic Field Lighting					\$160,000.00	
10a	Site Electrical (connection of system)	LS	1	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00		
10b	MUSCO Athletic Field Lighting System	Pole	4	\$30,000.00	\$120,000.00		
11	Scoring					\$8,500.00	
11a	Baseball Scoreboard	EA	1	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00		
						Subtotal \$ 475,568	

COST ESTIMATE - NEWTON HIGHLANDS							
Natural Turf Practice Field							
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	COST	TOTAL COST	REMARKS
1	Site Preparation					\$ 13,500.00	
1a	Strip and Screen and stockpile topsoil (assume 10")	CY	1500	\$ 9.00	\$ 13,500.00		
2	Natural Turf Field Preparation					\$ 47,500.00	
2a	Prepare sub-base, shape and compact	SY	5,000	\$ 2.00	\$ 10,000.00		
2b	Excavation bulk dozer (New Field) (6" depth)	CY	750	\$ 20.00	\$ 15,000.00		
2c	Drainage Stone under Field 6" Thick	CY	750	\$ 30.00	\$ 22,500.00		
3	Athletic Surfacing (Natural Turf Grass)					\$ 90,800.00	
3a	Install irrigation system and controller	Field	1	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		
3b	Place and amend root zone materials, 8"	CY	1200	\$ 35.00	\$ 42,000.00		
3c	Seed Athletic Field Mix and fine grade	SF	46,000	\$ 0.30	\$ 13,800.00		
3d	Turf establishment requirements	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		
4	Landscaping					\$ 5,700.00	
4a	Spread screened loam, non field areas	CY	150	\$ 20.00	\$ 3,000.00		
4b	Non-athletic field seed	SF	9000	\$ 0.30	\$ 2,700.00		
					Subtotal	\$ 157,500	

COST ESTIMATE - NEWTON HIGHLANDS**Tennis Courts**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	COST	TOTAL COST	REMARKS
1	Demolition					\$ 15,510.00	
1a	Remove 10' Chain Link Fence	LS	1	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		
1b	Remove site equipment	LS	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		
1c	Pulverize existing bituminous concrete	SY	1550	\$ 4.20	\$ 6,510.00		
2	Site Preparation					\$ 5,200.00	
2a	Excavation bulk dozer (sub-grade) (6" depth)	CY	260	\$ 20.00	\$ 5,200.00		
3	Tennis Courts					\$ 91,400.00	
3a	3" Bituminous Concrete Pavement	Ton	175	\$ 120.00	\$ 21,000.00		
3b	Gravel Base for Tennis Court Pavement (10")	Ton	500	\$ 25.00	\$ 12,500.00		
3c	Prepare Subbase, Shape, Compact, and Fine Grade Court Areas	SY	1600	\$ 3.00	\$ 4,800.00		
3d	Colored sealer, 3 coats, 2 colors	SY	1600	\$ 8.00	\$ 12,800.00		
3e	Pavement Markings, 2 coats	Court	2	\$ 350.00	\$ 700.00		
3f	Tennis Court Net Posts	PR	2	\$ 685.00	\$ 1,370.00		
3g	Tennis Courts Netting	EA	2	\$ 330.00	\$ 660.00		
3h	Tennis Court Net Strap Anchors	EA	2	\$ 350.00	\$ 700.00		
3i	10' CLF, PVC coated	LF	480	\$ 65.00	\$ 31,200.00		
3j	Swing Gates (7' high)	EA	2	\$ 985.00	\$ 1,970.00		
3k	12' Swing Maintenance Gate	EA	1	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00		
4	Drainage					\$ 6,887.50	
4a	Trenching, Backfilling, and Installation	CY	150	\$ 19.65	\$ 2,947.50		
4b	Precast Manhole & grate	EA	1	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00		
4c	Geotextile Fabric	SY	200	\$ 2.20	\$ 440.00		
5	Landscaping					\$ 1,700.00	
5a	Loam and Seed	SY	200	\$ 8.50	\$ 1,700.00		
					Subtotal	\$ 120,698	

COST ESTIMATE - NEWTON HIGHLANDS**Bituminous Concrete Parking Lot**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	COST	TOTAL COST	REMARKS
1	Bituminous Concrete Parking Lot					\$ 45,790.00	
1a	Bituminous Concrete, 3" thick	Ton	160	\$ 180.00	\$ 28,800.00		
1b	Gravel base (8" thick)	CY	225	\$ 30.00	\$ 6,750.00		
1c	Prepare sub-base, shape, compact and fine grade	SY	1020	\$ 2.00	\$ 2,040.00		
1d	Precase Concrete Curbing	LF	410	\$ 20.00	\$ 8,200.00		
2	Storm Drainage					\$ 12,900.00	
2a	Precast concrete catch basin	EA	2	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 8,400.00		
2b	12" HDPE Pipe	LF	150	\$ 30.00	\$ 4,500.00		
					Subtotal	\$ 58,690	

COST ESTIMATE - NEWTON HIGHLANDS

Amenities Building

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	COST	TOTAL COST	REMARKS
1	Amenities Building					\$ 350,000.00	
1a	Amenities Building (restroom, concessions, storage area)	SF	1,000	\$ 350.00	\$ 350,000.00		
					Subtotal	\$ 350,000	

COST ESTIMATE - NEWTON HIGHLANDS

Playground

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	COST	TOTAL COST	REMARKS
A1	Playground					\$ 220,000.00	
A1a	Playground	LS	1	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00		
					Subtotal	\$ 220,000	

COST ESTIMATE - NEWTON HIGHLANDS

Summary

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT COST	COST	TOTAL COST	REMARKS
1	Newton Highlands Playground and Athletic Facilities						
1a	Synthetic Turf Multipurpose Field	LS	1	\$ 1,320,845	\$ 1,320,845		
1b	Natural Turf Little League Field (w/ athletic lighting)	LS	1	\$ 475,568	\$ 475,568		
1c	Natural Turf Practice Field	LS	1	\$ 157,500	\$ 157,500		
1d	Tennis Courts (2)	LS	1	\$ 120,698	\$ 120,698		
1e	Basketball Court (1)	LS	1	\$ 69,595	\$ 69,595		
1f	Bituminous Concrete Parking Lot	LS	1	\$ 58,690	\$ 58,690		
1g	Amenities Building	LS	1	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000		
1h	Playground	LS	1	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000		
				PROJECT SUBTOTAL		\$ 2,772,895	
				CONTRACTOR O&P (10%)		\$277,289	
				CONTINGENCY (10%)		\$277,289	
				SOFT COSTS (7.5%)		\$207,967	
				TOTAL		\$ 3,535,440	

Newton Highlands Playground - Estimated Operations and Maintenance Costs (over 10 years)
November 15, 2013

Item Description	Electrical Annual Operation	Annual Maintenance	Annual O&M Total	10-Year O&M Total
soccer/football field (synthetic) athletic lights*	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000		
little league field irrigation	\$ 470	\$ 3,250		
support building (2 hc-access bathrooms, concession)	\$ 6,375			
lawn area		\$ 10,660		
	\$ 14,345	\$ 18,910	\$ 33,255	\$ 332,550

*assumes new state-of-the-art athletic field lighting

Parks & Recreation

Mission Statement

To provide traditional and innovative recreation, leisure and cultural activities in a quality environment for all residents of Newton, as well as managing the preservation, maintenance, and enhancement of the natural resources of the City.

Fiscal Year 2013 Accomplishments

Programs - Created non-competitive swim league and a new drop-in playground for parents with kids 3 years and younger

Programs - T-Ville trail programs were added for kids in grades four and five

Park and Playground Development - New entryway at Upper Falls playground completed and numerous park improvements

Forestry - All backlogged tree removal requests through the year 2012 will be completed

Maintenance & Beautification - Completed contractual mowing at 161 sites throughout the city. Completed 80% of work orders within five days or less

Fiscal Year 2014 Desired Outcomes

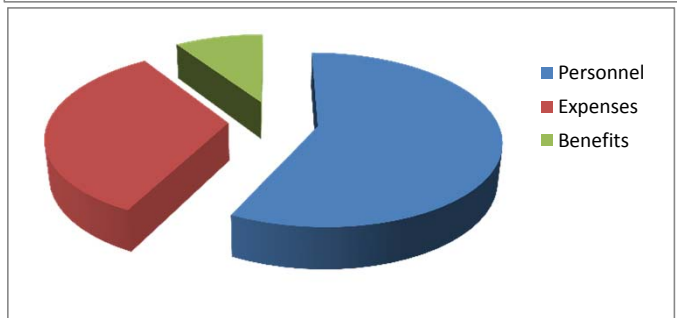
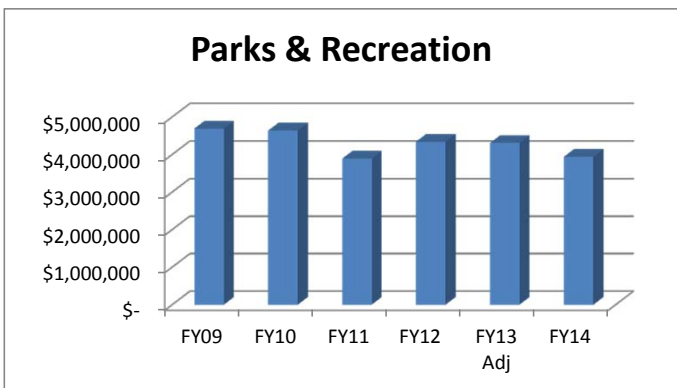
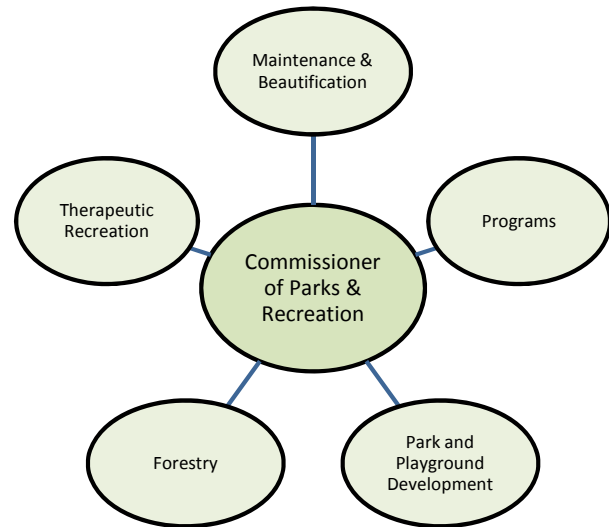
Programs - High quality recreation programs for people of all ages and interests

Park and Playground Development - Safe, accessible, high quality parks and playgrounds

Therapeutic Recreation - Recreation opportunities that improve the quality of life for seniors and people with disabilities

Maintenance and Beautification - Parks and Facilities that enrich the recreational experience for all residents and visitors of Newton

Forestry - A fully sustainable, well-maintained, healthy tree population as the hallmark of the Garden City by 2020



Department Detail

	Actual				FY2012	<-Adj Budget-> FY2013**	<-Proposed-> FY2014
	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011				
Expenditure by Core Function							
Personnel	\$ 2,455,103	\$ 2,553,586	\$ 2,254,075	\$ 2,233,714	\$ 2,238,587	\$ 2,260,084	
Expenses	\$ 1,933,942	\$ 1,753,501	\$ 1,274,612	\$ 1,782,527	\$ 1,750,760	\$ 1,312,524	
Benefits	\$ 303,150	\$ 333,709	\$ 360,507	\$ 326,992	\$ 316,984	\$ 368,318	
Total	\$ 4,692,195	\$ 4,640,796	\$ 3,889,194	\$ 4,343,233	\$ 4,306,331	\$ 3,940,926	
% Incr		-1.10%	-16.20%	11.67%	-0.85%	-8.49%	
Personnel							
Full-Time	42	42	39	37	35	31	
Part-Time	7	7	7	6	4	4	
Total	49	49	46	43	39	35	

** FY13 Adjusted Budget includes \$500,000 for emergency tree work due to severe storms

***FY14 Full-Time employee count reflects four employees moved to revolving fund

CITY OF NEWTON BUDGET FUNCTIONAL ELEMENT SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2011	ACTUAL 2012	AMENDED 2013	YTD 03/31/2013	RECOMMENDED 2014	CHANGE 2013 to 2014
602 - PARKS & RECREATION DEPT						
0160201 - PARKS/REC ADMIN.	885,589	894,309	910,490	663,420	937,916	27,426
01602010 - PUBLIC GROUNDS MAINT	1,450,432	1,354,115	1,332,367	1,017,073	1,416,303	83,935
01602011 - FORESTRY SERVICES	628,660	1,153,272	1,207,870	1,027,076	775,084	-432,785
01602012 - SNOW/ ICE CONTROL	350	0	0	442	0	0
016020201 - RECREATION ACTIVITIES	22,328	26,822	4,484	1,924	4,489	5
016020202 - OUTDOOR SWIMMING	187,494	182,985	142,877	137,610	40,824	-102,053
0160203 - INDOOR RECREATION	40,152	33,073	9,871	3,603	9,880	9
0160204 - SPECIAL NEEDS REC.	143,972	144,595	128,234	99,715	130,566	2,332
016020501 - EMERSON COMMUNITY CTR	31,406	23,847	26,582	17,403	26,583	1
016020502 - HAMILTON COMMUNITY CTR	26,114	26,044	14,659	7,621	15,652	993
0160206 - SENIOR RECREATION SVS	4,052	4,777	1,237	286	1,239	2
0160207 - CULTURAL AFFAIRS	100,558	99,971	103,315	74,960	106,211	2,896
0160208 - RECREATION VEHL MAINT.	139,617	159,920	177,326	102,270	230,099	52,774
0160209 - RECREATION BLDG MAINT.	228,472	239,502	247,019	163,553	246,079	-940
TOTAL DEPARTMENT 602	3,889,194	4,343,234	4,306,331	3,316,956	3,940,925	-365,406
603 - NEWTON HISTORY MUSEUM						
0160301 - MUSEUM SERVICES	248,977	233,448	235,756	167,494	248,448	12,692
TOTAL DEPARTMENT 603	248,977	233,448	235,756	167,494	248,448	12,692
TOTAL CITY BUDGET	130,493,351	132,536,373	137,450,792	102,338,332	143,401,661	5,950,869
980 - NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS						
98001080 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE	167,203,992	171,820,000	180,210,956	113,926,629	187,671,536	7,460,580
TOTAL NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	167,203,992	171,820,000	180,210,956	113,926,629	187,671,536	7,460,580
TOTAL BUDGET	297,697,343	304,356,373	317,661,748	216,264,961	331,073,197	13,411,449

FUND: 01 - GENERAL FUND
DEPARTMENT: 602 - PARKS RECREATION DEPT

CITY OF NEWTON BUDGET
DEPARTMENT LEGAL LEVEL OF CONTROL

	ACTUAL 2011	ACTUAL 2012	AMENDED 2013	YTD 03/31/2013	RECOMMENDED 2014	CHANGE 2013 to 2014
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	2,254,075	2,233,714	2,238,587	1,622,630	2,260,084	21,496
52 - EXPENSES	1,274,612	1,782,527	1,750,760	1,456,878	1,252,524	-498,236
58 - DEBT AND CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	60,000	60,000
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	360,507	326,992	316,984	237,449	368,318	51,334
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	3,889,194	4,343,234	4,306,331	3,316,956	3,940,925	-365,406
PARKS/REC ADMIN.						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	731,114	748,189	765,071	558,420	787,763	22,693
52 - EXPENSES	29,143	28,496	26,082	19,243	25,122	-960
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	125,332	117,625	119,338	85,757	125,031	5,693
TOTAL PARKS/REC ADMIN.	885,589	894,309	910,490	663,420	937,916	27,426
PUBLIC GROUNDS MAINT						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	881,327	797,533	739,761	536,407	759,255	19,494
52 - EXPENSES	406,040	420,275	478,610	395,243	530,334	51,724
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	163,065	136,308	113,996	85,424	126,714	12,717
TOTAL PUBLIC GROUNDS MAINT	1,450,432	1,354,115	1,332,367	1,017,073	1,416,303	83,935
FORESTRY SERVICES						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	153,392	182,219	337,399	200,389	411,151	73,752
52 - EXPENSES	445,091	939,800	828,850	790,926	288,800	-540,050
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	30,177	31,253	41,620	35,761	75,133	33,513
TOTAL FORESTRY SERVICES	628,660	1,153,272	1,207,870	1,027,076	775,084	-432,785
SNOW/ ICE CONTROL						
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	350	0	0	442	0	0
TOTAL SNOW/ ICE CONTROL	350	0	0	442	0	0
RECREATION ACTIVITIES						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	17,059	23,453	0	0	0	0
52 - EXPENSES	5,117	3,110	4,280	1,924	4,280	0
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	153	259	204	0	209	5
TOTAL RECREATION ACTIVITIES	22,328	26,822	4,484	1,924	4,489	5
OUTDOOR SWIMMING						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	177,132	174,579	132,108	132,070	32,108	-100,000
52 - EXPENSES	7,836	5,742	8,250	3,625	8,250	0
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	2,526	2,665	2,519	1,915	466	-2,053
TOTAL OUTDOOR SWIMMING	187,494	182,985	142,877	137,610	40,824	-102,053

CITY OF NEWTON BUDGET DEPARTMENT LEGAL LEVEL OF CONTROL
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	ACTUAL 2011	ACTUAL 2012	AMENDED 2013	YTD 03/31/2013	RECOMMENDED 2014	CHANGE 2013 to 2014
INDOOR RECREATION						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	30,189	23,792	0	0	0	0
52 - EXPENSES	9,616	8,901	9,525	3,602	9,525	0
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	347	380	346	1	355	9
TOTAL INDOOR RECREATION	40,152	33,073	9,871	3,603	9,880	9
SPECIAL NEEDS REC.						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	118,369	118,600	101,979	83,943	103,918	1,938
52 - EXPENSES	7,612	8,721	8,726	3,095	8,726	0
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	17,991	17,274	17,529	12,678	17,923	394
TOTAL SPECIAL NEEDS REC.	143,972	144,595	128,234	99,715	130,566	2,332
EMERSON COMMUNITY CTR						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	2,065	2,309	0	0	0	0
52 - EXPENSES	29,314	21,504	26,545	17,403	26,545	0
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	28	35	37	0	38	1
TOTAL EMERSON COMMUNITY CTR	31,406	23,847	26,582	17,403	26,583	1
HAMILTON COMMUNITY CTR						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	9,087	11,761	0	0	0	0
52 - EXPENSES	16,895	14,113	14,527	7,621	15,517	990
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	132	171	132	0	135	3
TOTAL HAMILTON COMMUNITY CTR	26,114	26,044	14,659	7,621	15,652	993
SENIOR RECREATION SVS						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	3,247	3,548	0	0	0	0
52 - EXPENSES	767	1,184	1,150	285	1,150	0
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	38	45	87	1	89	2
TOTAL SENIOR RECREATION SVS	4,052	4,777	1,237	286	1,239	2
CULTURAL AFFAIRS						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	92,376	92,352	95,614	70,161	98,229	2,615
52 - EXPENSES	2,692	2,016	2,050	670	2,050	0
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	5,490	5,603	5,651	4,129	5,932	281
TOTAL CULTURAL AFFAIRS	100,558	99,971	103,315	74,960	106,211	2,896
RECREATION VEHL MAINT.						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	38,720	55,380	55,655	41,240	56,659	1,005
52 - EXPENSES	86,019	89,165	106,146	49,689	97,146	-9,000
58 - DEBT AND CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	60,000	60,000
57 - FRINGE BENEFITS	14,878	15,375	15,525	11,341	16,294	769
TOTAL RECREATION VEHL MAINT.	139,617	159,920	177,326	102,270	230,099	52,774

CITY OF NEWTON BUDGET DEPARTMENT LEGAL LEVEL OF CONTROL
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	ACTUAL 2011	ACTUAL 2012	AMENDED 2013	YTD 03/31/2013	RECOMMENDED 2014	CHANGE 2013 to 2014
RECREATION BLDG MAINT.						
51 - PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	11,000	0	11,000	0
52 - EXPENSES	228,472	239,502	236,019	163,553	235,079	-940
TOTAL RECREATION BLDG MAINT.	228,472	239,502	247,019	163,553	246,079	-940

FY2015-2019 CIP by Priority

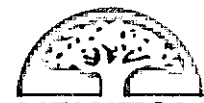
FY2015-2019 CIP by Priority								ESCALATED COSTS (Costs in FY2016-2019 are escalated 3.5% a year)				
								Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
								\$ 49,429,015	\$ 72,428,226	\$ 62,504,465	\$ 38,704,818	\$ 15,373,205
Priority	Dept	Project Title	Project Description / Justification	Est Cost in FY2014	Risk Factor	Funding Source	Prior Year Funding	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
19	Parks/Rec	Newton Centre Playground- last phase of 6 phase accessibility project	Add ADA compliant access route to a portion of Newton Centre Playground. Approved for CDBG funding by City Commission on Disability.	\$ 90,000	46.3	CDBG Eligible	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000				
22	Parks/Rec	Purchase Manet Road MWRA Reservoir	Five acre parcel located at Manet Road has been surplus by the MWRA in January 2013. State legislation filed to allow purchase. Interest by the community to	\$ 850,000	45.8	CPA Eligible	\$ 30,000	\$ 820,000				
98	Parks/Rec	Newton Highlands Playgrnd - Ph I Design & Construction	Phase I of 2008 Master Plan for park renovation. Addresses drainage problems & builds new ball fields and courts. Highly used park.	\$ 1,970,000	37.1	CPA Eligible	\$ 320,000				\$ 1,829,384	
141	Parks/Rec	Replace Weeks Playground Tennis Courts	Replace 4 existing tennis courts at Weeks Playground.	\$ 220,000	35.1	Bonding						
142	Parks/Rec	Replace McGrath Playground (Warren) Tennis Courts	Replace 4 existing tennis courts at McGrath Playground (Warren).	\$ 220,000	35.1	Bonding						
176	Parks/Rec	Newton Highlands Playground - Phase II Design & Construction	2008 Master Plan for park renovation in 2 phases. Ph II will complete the fields to provide tennis courts and football field.	\$ 1,925,000	33.6	Bonding						
196	Parks/Rec	Newton Upper Falls/ Braceland Playground - Design & Construction	Master Plan for park renovation - Construction will include new athletic fields, new play structure and sitework and improvements.	\$ 1,675,000	32.8	Bonding						
236	Parks/Rec	Replace Cold Spring Park Tennis Courts	Replace 3 existing tennis courts at this location. Courts have deteriorated.	\$ 180,000	28.7	Bonding						
237	Jackson Homestead	Restoration of Historic East Burying Grounds	Preservation of Remaining 24 Tombs in two of the three burying grounds. Priority to East, then West Parish sites. Safety Concern.	\$ 148,135	28.7	CPA Eligible						
238	Parks/Rec	Replace Halloran Field Athletic Lighting (Albemarle)	Replace the athletic lighting at the City's premier athletic complex	\$ 150,000	28.4	Bonding						
253	Parks/Rec	Replace Cabot Park Tennis Courts	Replace two existing tennis courts at Cabot Park.	\$ 120,000	26.0	Bonding						
270	Parks/Rec	City Hall and War Memorial Historic Landscape Preservation Project	Restoration and preservation of City Hall grounds Historic Landscape	\$ 1,500,000	23.4	CPA Eligible						
271	Parks/Rec	Replace Newton South High School Tennis Courts	Replace 12 existing courts at this location and lighting. Consider Private-Public Partnership.	\$ 750,000	23.3	Bonding						
273	Jackson Homestead	Restoration of Historic West Burying Grounds	Preservation of Remaining 24 Tombs in two of the three burying grounds. Safety concern for visitors.	\$ 146,000	23.0	CPA Eligible						
277	Parks/Rec	Farlow & Chaffin Parks Historic Landscape Preservation Plan	Restoration and preservation of Farlow and Chaffin Park. Could break out into design vs construction- 2 yrs	\$ 640,000	19.8	CPA Eligible	\$ 52,000					
279	Jackson Homestead	Repair/Replace Fencing at Historic Burying Grounds	Restoration of Fences at all 3 burying grounds	\$ 406,600	17.8	CPA Eligible						



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NEWTON
Parks & Recreation
ROBERT J. DERUBEIS
COMMISSIONER

October 30, 2013

Alice E. Ingerson, Ph.D.
Community Preservation Program Manager
Newton Planning & Development Department
City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave.
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Ms. Ingerson:

This letter is to confirm the Parks & Recreation Department has current custody and the commitment of staff time for project management of the Newton Highlands Project.

If you have any questions, please call the Parks & Recreation Office at 617.796.1500.

Sincerely,

Robert J. DeRubeis
Parks & Recreation Commissioner

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF NEWTON
Massachusetts**

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: October 16, 2013
TO: Bob DeRubeis, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation
FROM: Alexandra Ananth, Chief Planner
SUBJECT: Newton Highlands Playground
Request for Consistency

On September 1, 2013, the City's Development Review Team (DRT) met with Carol Schein to review the proposed Newton Highlands Playground project. The proposed enhancements to the park will significantly improve the usefulness of the football and baseball league fields including improvements to existing drainage problems.

Abutting businesses and park users currently park in the Right-Of-Way and the addition of 22 new playground parking stalls will significantly improve parking issues for both user groups.

The DRT expressed no concerns with the proposed project. Please contact the Planning Department if you have any questions.

CC: Planning Department File
City Clerk

Ted Tye
25 Malubar Lane
Newton, MA 02459

November 9, 2013

City of Newton
Community Preservation Committee
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

RE: Newton Highlands Playground

Dear Committee Members:

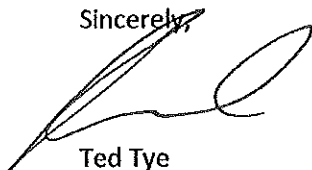
I am writing as a resident in the neighborhood and as a long-time advocate for recreational space in Newton to express my strong support for the Parks and Recreation Department's proposal to improve this long-neglected resource.

I have spent several meetings with Parks and Recreation Department staff on the design of this project. It will serve a number of important constituencies by providing both active and passive recreational opportunities. While improving playing fields that have long been neglected, the project also will create new walking trails and play areas. Drainage and parking in the area of the park are very poor. The proposal will address this immediate need as well.

A great park system is one of the things that make Newton such a great place to live. This park has been neglected for many years, and funding from the CPC will help to restore it as an amenity for our City.

I encourage you to support the Parks and Recreation Department's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Tye', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Ted Tye

From: "John Rice" <jrice@tsnn.com>
To: <parcs@newtonma.gov>
Subject: CPA Application for Highlands Playground
Date sent: Tue, 5 Nov 2013 01:01:32 -0500

As an Alderman for Ward 5 which includes Newton Highlands and as the Director of the Hyde Community Center in Newton Highlands the Parks and Rec application for construction documents for Newton Highlands Playground will have a significant positive impact for the community and youth sports in Newton.

Newton Youth Sports leagues have already privately funded a study of Newton Highlands Playground and future public/private partnership will be part of future investment into this Newton Park..

Best Regards,

John Rice
Alderman Ward 5

John Rice
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January 20, 2014

Commissioner Robert J. DeRubeis
Newton Parks and Recreation
124 Vernon Street
Newton, MA 02458

By email only to:
cschein@newtonma.gov &
bderubeis@newtonma.gov

RE: Newton SouthEast Little League

Dear Commissioner DeRubeis:

You may recall that back in December, 2002, as President of the Newton South Little League, I spoke with you, and at your suggestion wrote to then Commissioner Fran Towle concerning our idea for a new, state of the art Little League baseball park at the Newton Highlands Playground. At the time, we were in need of a new park to help maintain the high level of service we provide to our Little Leaguers, and to maintain a safe environment for the operation of the program. Funds for the maintenance of our parks were being lost as budgets were being scaled down, causing the programs to suffer.

Throughout many meeting and hearings, we submitted a plan for the redevelopment of the Highland Playground and met with neighbors, designers and city planners. The widespread support for the development of the Highlands Playground, and in particular for the construction of a new Little League park was heartening. We were excited that there was so much genuine support.

Now, more than ever, we continue to need a state of the art Little League park to maintain the high quality of the program we run. As you know, I am still fully involved with the now-merged Newton SouthEast Little League in many capacities. The Red Sox World Series victory, and the success of our program last year as Massachusetts State Champions has again raised the interest level in Little League Baseball.

The plan for the Newton Highlands Playground has been on the board for a

long time and we have all patiently awaited getting shovels in the ground. We are grateful that you have continued to support this project, and understand the importance of the funding sources that you seek.

Please feel free to distribute this letter to anyone you feel should know that this project is important to the hundreds of Newton families we serve, and that our Board of Directors remains fully committed to our goals of working with you in any way we can to make this project a reality.

We fully support this project and all of your attempts to seek the badly needed sources of funding.

With best regards.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elliott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elliott M. Loew

A large, stylized handwritten flourish or scribble in black ink, starting from the end of the signature line and curving downwards and to the right.

EML:ss
cc: Newton SouthEast LL Board

Alexander Ebling
785 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02458
617-610-4459

January 17, 2014

Commissioner Robert J. DeRubeis
Newton Parks and Recreation
124 Vernon Street
Newton, MA 02458
Attn: Carol Schein

To Whom It May Concern:

I hope this letter finds you well. As this is a busy time of year, I will try to keep my thoughts brief.

I am writing in support of the Highland's Park Project. As a current little league coach and Newton SouthEast board member, I am very much aware of the benefits this project will provide kids. I grew up in the Newton area, and truly cherished my time as a little leaguer. The highlight of this time was the one game I was able to play under the lights. As we continue to try to provide our participants the best experience possible, I have no doubt that this project will help our players have an unforgettable time in Little League. In addition, participants in other sports will have the same joy of playing under the lights as the pros do. Of course, we all know young athletes just want to be like the professionals.

I truly believe this project needs to go forward. It has been our dream as a board to make this happen; it is time for it to become a reality. Thank you for your time. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Warmly,

Alexander Ebling

From: CWaksler@eckertseamans.com
To: cschein@newtonma.gov
Subject: Highland's Park Project
Date sent: Fri, 17 Jan 2014 09:52:07 -0500

Commissioner Robert J. DeRubeis
Newton Parks and Recreation
124 Vernon Street
Newton, MA 02458
Attn: Carol Schein

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to express my full support of the Highland's Park project. The project will have a huge positive impact on the lives of those who live in the surrounding area and will increase the ability of children to exercise, play on real quality fields and have a great experience playing sports. Funding for parks and fields is very important for our children, especially in this age of video games, IPADS and computers.

I am also a board member of the Newton Southeast Little League (NSELL) and feel that a new, quality baseball field would improve the experience for the children enrolled in our program. Both of my boys are participants in NSELL and playing on quality fields enriches the game day experience for them. My older son has played several times on the lighted field at Lyons. Having coached his team, I can assure you that playing on a lighted field is a highlight for the kids during the baseball season. They all love it and realize that it is a special night when they get to play a game under the lights. I am sure that you could expect significant support from NSELL towards the development of this project.

Thank you for making the effort to get this project underway. It is very appreciated.

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From: "Roberts, Charles M.,M.D.,Ph.D." <Charles_Roberts@dfci.harvard.edu>
Date: Jan 18, 2014 6:38 PM
Subject: Newton Highlands Project
To: "cschein@newtonma.gov" <cschein@newtonma.gov>, bderubeis@newtonma.gov
<bderubeis@newtonma.gov>

Dear Commissioner DeRubeis and Ms. Schein,

I am writing to most strongly support the Newton Highlands project and the next step of using CPC funds to fund construction documents. As a father of four children, we have made use of nearly all fields in Newton – including baseball, soccer, lacrosse and football. The addition of lighted sports fields would be a MAJOR addition/improvement to the available fields and would increase the quality of life of many residents. I know that my kids would be thrilled to play there.

I am also a former President of Newton SouthEast Little League, having served 3 years as President of NSLL then later NSELL, and am currently Secretary of the Board. Consequently, I am well aware of the needs of Newton youth, and of the benefits of quality fields. I believe that the Newton Highlands project will be extremely beneficial to the children of our families.

Please let me know if I can further support this project in any way as I will be delighted to do so.

Sincerely,

Charlie Roberts
174 Oliver Rd
Waban, MA 02468
617-969-3755

From: "Brooks, Steven" <SBrooks@ptc.com>
Date: Jan 20, 2014 2:38 PM
Subject: Highland's Park
To: "bderubeis@newtonma.gov" <bderubeis@newtonma.gov>, cschein@newtonma.gov
<cschein@newtonma.gov>
Cc: "Brooks, Steven" <SBrooks@ptc.com>

Dear Ms. Schein and Commissioner RuBeis,

As president of Newton SouthEast Little League, an active board member of NSELL (and Newton East LL) since 2005, and a lifelong resident of Newton, I am writing to you to express my unwavering support of the Highland's Park project. Not only will this have a tremendously positive impact on the 4 Little Leagues across Newton but also will benefit those playing football and soccer at all age levels (including the middle schools).

In my 9 seasons on the board of NELL/NSELL, I have been the chief field scheduler as well as a volunteer coach/manager. Not being able to schedule night games to help reschedule games that are rained out or can't be played due to conflicts with kids playing other sports has been a big challenge. In particular, scheduling games in the fall is a complete nightmare. We have to start games at 4pm in order to get them complete. This places tremendous stress on our volunteer coaches who have to leave work an hour or more before this in order to get their teams to the field. This goes for holding practices as well – we simply can't do practices on many nights because we don't have enough fields when we schedule out the games. This means less skilled players advancing through our system which has an impact on the sports at our high schools.

It is really embarrassing when we play in travel programs in the summer and fall from other cities and see the great facilities (dugouts, lights) and revenue sources (concession stands, advertising) they have compared to what we have. I have 2 boys that have gone through NELL and some of the finest memories they have is when they were able to play under the lights at Lyons or Albermarle or at towns we visited.

I strongly encourage you to support this project in any way that you can. Let me know if there is anything more that I can do.

Thanks,

Steve Brooks
President, Newton SouthEast Little League

Home address:
231 Country Club Rd
Newton, MA 02459

Attended Bowen, Weeks, NSHS (class 1980)

3 Kids who have attended Memorial-Spaulding, Oak Hill MS, and NSHS and played baseball (NELL, Sr League, Babe Ruth, OHMS, NSHS), football (OHMS and NSHS), soccer (NGS, NYS, BAYs), and the non-field sport of basketball (NAA, OHMS)

Thanks to everyone that contributed to my walk to fight Pancreatic Cancer in 2013. This year, I raised \$9241 (4th best in Massachusetts) exceeding my goal by 16%. Since I started in 2011, I've raised \$20,930. Once again, my team raised the most money in the state by meeting our \$25,000 goal this year. I couldn't have done it without you.

PTC employees: Read my story at

<https://share.ptc.com/sites/community/watercooler/ptcpeople/Pages/Steven-Brooks.aspx>

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From: "Jodi Detjen" <jdetjen@alumni.duke.edu>
Date: Jan 20, 2014 1:16 PM
Subject: Highlands Field
To: <cschein@newtonma.gov>, <bderubeis@newtonma.gov>
Cc: "Brooks, Steven" <SBrooks@ptc.com>

Dear Ms. Schein and Commissioner RuBeis,

As Newton Highlands resident, parent of two very active sports-oriented children, and former president of Newton East Little League, I write to wholeheartedly support the building of the Highlands field. Newton has a very large need for lighted and turf fields. When we travel to other towns, it is embarrassing how poorly ours are in comparison. In addition, making up games or holding practices is quite challenging in the fall and spring as there are insufficient natural light hours. A lighted field would be a boon to everyone.

It's time for our community to invest in such a community-oriented project that would benefit a significant percentage of our children.

Thank you for your support.

Best,

Jodi

Jodi Detjen

Co-Author of *The Orange Line: A Woman's Guide to Integrating Career, Family and Life*, available on Amazon

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From: "JFK PM" <jfk_pm@brcs-inc.net>
To: <cschein@newtonma.gov>
Subject: Little League Fields Newton
Date sent: Mon, 3 Feb 2014 10:41:33 -0500

Hello

A very rewarding project to be able to have our kids enjoy a safe and fun time at our local fields in Newton, any volunteer work I can help to support this great project please do not hesitate to e-mail.

Thanks Ben Valente

Charlemont street Newton.

From: "Christine" <cbwhitman1@verizon.net>
To: <cschein@newtonma.gov>
Subject: Newton Highland Fields
Date sent: Fri, 31 Jan 2014 09:13:04 -0500

Hi Carol,

PLEASE get the fields project rolling. It is a valuable, wasting asset sitting there unattended at the moment. It's walking distance for so many children and a wonderful resource for the City to have a baseball field and well kept park. Waban and Highlands families would really appreciate your efforts.

Christine Whitman
617.285.6255 (m)

MICHAEL HOWELL

**49 CANTERBURY ROAD
NEWTON, MA 02461
617-630-9091**

Ms. Carol Schein
Office of Commissioner Robert J. DeRubeis
Newton Parks and Recreation
124 Vernon Street
Newton, MA 02458

Dear Ms. Schein,

I am a longtime Newton resident with children in the public schools. I am writing to join my voice with other neighbors would want to see the Newton Highlands Playground project move forward and be completed, where it will transform the sports and recreational opportunities for our city.

My understanding is that this project has the support of the immediate neighborhood surrounding the park, and it certainly has support from my household.

I urge you to do everything in your power to help bring this badly needed improvement to Newton family life to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Howell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Michael Howell

cc: Mayor Setti Warren
cc: Commissioner Robert J. DeRubeis

From: Bob Derubeis <bderubeis@newtonma.gov>
To: "cschein@newtonma.gov" <cschein@newtonma.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Support for Highlands Playground
Date sent: Thu, 23 Jan 2014 09:32:23 -0500

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From: Deborah Youngblood <youngblood@newtonma.gov>
Date: Fri, Jan 17, 2014 at 4:06 PM
Subject: Support for Highlands Playground
To: bderubeis@newtonma.gov

Good afternoon Commissioner,

I deeply hope you will support the development of new playing fields at the Highlands playground site. We moved to Newton 6 years ago to raise our three children. We were swayed to choose Newton because of it's reputation for family friendliness. While we love Newton, as our children have developed into avid sports players I have been struck by lack of beautiful and adequate sports spaces given the level of interest in our town. When we play at out of town locations I am consistently struck by how much more they seem to have invested in them. We never seem to have enough spaces for practices, many of our youth sports sites are inadequate (poorly maintained soccer fields, not enough basketball courts, poorly maintained and lack of baseball fields, almost complete lack of lighted fields). I would be so happy to see this remedied in the near future through the creation of this new space.

I know there are always competing priorities for public dollars. However, Newton rests on it's family friendliness. We are at our best when we are together, cheering our children on and enjoying the beauty of our town. I hope you will push for this worthy investment.

Sincerely,

Deborah Youngblood
Newton Highlands

--
Robert J. DeRubeis
Commissioner
Newton Parks & Recreation Department
124 Vernon Street
Newton, MA 02458

Newton Parks and Recreation

January 19, 2014

124 Vernon St.

Newton, MA 02458

Attn: Carol Schein

I am writing to strongly support the Highlands Playground Project and any funding that you may be able to provide. I have lived in this city all of my life and coached every youth sport, both boys and girls. I am currently the treasurer of the Newton South East Little league as well as the Ward 5 representative on the Recreation Commission. Developing this enormous piece of land has been a dream of mine since my son started playing in the little league (he is now 26) and been involved with the development of the plan from the beginning. This park could be a great asset to the community as the project has the support of all the leagues who hope to use it (Little League, Youth Football, and both boys and girls soccer). The field is compacted and is so wet that for much of the year it is unplayable. The tennis courts and the basketball courts are in disrepair and need to be redone. The tot lot is outdated. I can't think of a better project that would benefit the most number of Newton residents as this would. It doesn't require the city to purchase any more land. What is required is to fix an asset that the city already owns.

Sincerely Yours

Byron Dunker

10 Southwick Rd.

Waban, MA 02468

Commissioner Robert J. DeRubeis
Newton Parks and Recreation
124 Vernon Street
Newton, MA 02458

01-20-14

Dear commissioner DeRubeis,

Being a Waban resident I'm not an abutter to the Highlands Playground so if the neighbors of that playground are in support then I'd like to support it also. That area seems to be underutilized and adding lights, developing ball fields, improving parking, concession stand, all would seem to make the city more attractive and directly add to the quality of life for the immediate neighbors.

Sincerely,

Kevin Flannery

83 Agawam Road

Waban, Ma 02468

617 281-3058

From: Jonathan Freedman <jfreedman62@gmail.com>
To: bderubeis@newtonma.gov, cschein@newtonma.gov
Subject: Letter in support of Highlands Park
Date sent: Mon, 20 Jan 2014 22:49:33 -0500

Enclosed please find a letter in support of the development of the sports complex and playing fields in Newton Highlands. If you need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and efforts in this important endeavor.

Jonathan Freedman

Woodward Street

Carol Schein

Subject: Newton Highlands Park Project
From: john taft <jtaft77@hotmail.com>
Date sent: Tue, 21 Jan 2014 08:34:49 -0500
To: "cschein@newtonma.gov" <cschein@newtonma.gov>,
"bderubeis@newtonma.gov" <bderubeis@newtonma.gov>

Dear Commissioner Robert J. DeRubeis and Carol Schein,

My name is John Taft and I'm writing in support of the Highlands Park Project. I'm a Board Member with Newton SouthEast Little League, and was a member of the Newton East LL prior. I have been involved in youth baseball for over 5 years here in Newton.

Over this past year, I managed the Newton SouthEast All Star Team that made it to the New England Regional Tournament in Bristol, Ct as the Massachusetts State Champions, I was also the Manager of the Newton U11 State Champion Team that won the Bay States tournament this year, and I own a baseball player development program called Triple Crown Baseball here in Newton.

I write to you today as one of the biggest advocates for youth baseball here in Newton. Having the success I had this year with my teams let me see just how incredible some of the fields were that we got to play on. Every time we walk on and off one of these fields my kids, and their parents, would say "I wish we had fields like this in Newton." Having a "Field of Dreams" type complex in Newton would be an amazing thing for the kids in the community, and I hope that it gets approved for the funding it desperately needs.

Players admire the fields they play on, and giving them a beautiful field that they can call their own would build their pride even more for Newton Baseball!

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

John Taft
Triple Crown Baseball
"Changing the game one player at a time"

From: John Stephans <jstephans14@gmail.com>
To: cschein@newtonma.gov, bderubeis@newtonma.gov
Subject: Highland Park
Date sent: Tue, 21 Jan 2014 09:13:52 -0500

Bob and Carol,

I am writing you in support of the proposed Highland Field project. As the incoming President of Newton Youth Soccer, a parent of 2 youth soccer & Newton SE Little League players and a lifelong resident of the city, I understand the positive impact this project will have not only for the immediate neighborhood, but for families across the city.

I believe that providing additional, quality, multi-purpose recreational facilities in the city is needed given the current strain on our open space as the number of sports offered in the city and their popularity grow. Moreover adding fields, such as what is being proposed at Highlands, not only enhances the value of the neighborhood it is in but the perception of the city's continued commitment to provide quality services and facilities to its residents.

Thank you for your help with making this field/playground complex a reality.

Regards,

John Stephans

From: KPOWtak1@aol.com
To: cschein@newtonma.gov
Subject: RE:Highlands Project
Date sent: Tue, 21 Jan 2014 09:34:21 -0500 (EST)
Copies to: bderubeis@newtonma.gov

Dear Commissioner Robert DeRubeis and Project Manager Carol Schein,

I am writing you in favor of the Highland Playground project. As a resident of Newton since 1993, I have always wondered why this space is not better utilized. My guess is that it's only used currently to about 10-15% of its potential. It's could be a "crown jewel" for our youth if used wisely. Thus, I am totally in favor of the project that would include the possibility of lighted fields, bathrooms, concession stands, better parking, updated basketball courts and a better children's play area.

I have coached nearly 50 youth teams the past 16 years and I see the value of our youth having organized, well-run programs in our city. That part has been covered very well with our local youth, middle school and high school programs. This project would be a nice place a lot of our youth _ that live in that area _ could call home. It would be nice to have a first-class facility for a top-notch city.

Traveling the state running a small business during the day, I marvel at some of the quality facilities that I see in many, many smaller towns. I know we have some nice fields and courts, but that part of the city has always been lacking when it comes to fields, courts and play areas. I truly think it's a need as our city strives to adjust for programs for our youth.

I have three children (20, 18 and 11) that live not far from that part of the city. I know they would have liked and used the areas. They are all mostly grown, so its not for mine, but for the future youth.

Let's use the funds and space wisely to offer more for the future of our city.

We owe it to the children of that part of Newton, and I know others across the city would greatly benefit, too.

Thanks so much for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Ken Powtak
828 Walnut Street

Carol Schein

Subject: Support for Highlands Project
From: Dave Goldblatt <daveg@psyton.com>
Date sent: Tue, 21 Jan 2014 09:48:33 -0500
Copies to: bderubeis@newtonma.gov
To: cschein@newtonma.gov

Dear Ms. Schein,

I wanted to let you know of my support for the efforts of the Newton Parks and Recreation Department in your request before the CPC to receive funding of the construction documents for the Highlands Project.

I have been involved with youth sports programs in Newton for the past ten years, primarily through my association with Newton SouthEast (formerly Newton East) Little League, where I now serve on the Board as Vice President, Operations. NSELL had over 500 players registered in its 2013 programs, covering the spring, summer, and fall seasons. As you may be aware, NSELL's All-Star team were the 2013 Massachusetts Little League State Champions.

NSELL utilizes a number of fields in our area of the city, with our primary fields for our age 10 and up players being Bowen, Richardson, and Jay Gordon (Newton Centre Playground). One of the significant challenges we face is the limited playing time available during our spring and fall seasons due to the lack of a lit playing field. Games in the early part of the spring season may be called early due to darkness, and games in the fall - despite starting at 4:30PM and sometimes as early as 4PM - often are unable to safely complete six innings of play. This impacts the number of games our children can play. Having a lit field as part of a youth sports complex - including the amenities such as restroom facilities and a concession stand - would significantly improve the playing experience not only for our players, but for children throughout the City, as demonstrated by Newton West Little League's Lyons Field.

When playing with teams from other parts of Massachusetts a common question is why our fields are lacking compared to others - a question I really can't answer. This isn't just a comparison to Wellesley or Weston, but to communities such as Arlington, Billerica, Braintree and Walpole, who have complexes dedicated to youth baseball and other sports. West Roxbury has the Parkway fields, which hosted the State Championships this past year. Why can't Newton have similar facilities for our children? While my oldest son, now 14, would not be a primary user of the Highlands Project, my 8 year old son certainly could be - and I'd really like him to have the opportunity to play in the environment this project would provide. I think my kids, along with the rest of the children of Newton, not only deserve this opportunity, but that we owe it to them to provide it.

Thank you for your efforts on this project, and please let me know if I can help in any other fashion.

Sincerely,

David Goldblatt
50 Vine St.
Chestnut Hill, MA



Bob Derubeis <bob.derubeis@gmail.com>

Highlands Project

1 message

Peter Schofield <phschofield@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 21, 2014 at 9:54 AM

To: bderubeis@newtonma.gov

Cc: cschein@newtonma.gov

Hello Robert

Ive been a Newton resident for close to eight years and I have three children attending the Bowen School. I am emailing to share with you my endorsement and support for the development of the Highlands athletic facility. I am actively involved in the YMCA, Newton South East Little League and even Newton Kindergarten soccer.

With the explosion of enrollment in the elementary schools I believe this project is timely and worthwhile. The opportunity for the community to gather and connect as a facility is extraordinary. It truly reflects our commitment to the development of our youth in Newton.

Best,
Peter Schofield
57 Daniel St Newton

Peter H Schofield

From: zachsdad@aol.com
To: cschein@newtonma.gov, bderubeis@newtonma.gov
Subject: Highland Project Support
Date sent: Tue, 21 Jan 2014 10:15:34 -0500 (EST)
Copies to: ZACHSDAD@aol.com, cwmroberts@gmail.com, daveg@psyton.com

To: Carol Schein and Robert De Rubeis:

I am writing on behalf of my support for the Highland Project for all the fields, area activities, including a lighted baseball field.

As a Board member of Newton South East Little league, a Long time resident of Newton and more importunely a parent.

This development is extremely important for the future of athletics for our child now and for generations to come.

Over the past few years the Board of Alderman has aggressively move forward on major business developments; that has impacted all residents but our children. This is the time to help our children and future generations compete on a level playing field with other towns, communities and organizations.

When we think of Newton and all it has to offer. This is one need that we deserve to fulfill for our child and our children's children.

I am willing to help in anyway needed to help our community remain the BEST PLACE TO LIVE.

Thank You
Larry Berger
15 Malubar lane
Newton MASS
02459

Carol Schein

From: "Gomez, Ben" <Ben.Gomez@pilothouse.com>
To: "cschein@newtonma.gov" <cschein@newtonma.gov>, "bderubeis@newtonma.gov" <bderubeis@newtonma.gov>
Subject: In support of renovating the Highlands Playground
Date sent: Tue, 21 Jan 2014 16:18:57 +0000

Just a quick note to emphasize how supportive we are of the project to build new fields at the Highland's Playground. There is a critical need in our city for these facilities. We could not be more supportive. As a parent who has volunteered for years in youth sports, the state of Newton's current facilities is worrisome. We need this. Please know that our community is incredibly supportive.

All the best,

Susan W. Cable and Benjamin Gomez
55 Alban Road
Waban, MA 02468

Carol Schein

Date sent: Tue, 21 Jan 2014 09:50:41 -0600 (CST)
From: JONATHAN KOMINIK <jonathan.kominik@verizon.net>
To: bderubeis@newtonma.gov,
cschein@newtonma.gov
Subject: Highland's Park Project

Dear Robert & Carol, I think the highland park project would be a fantastic investment for the entire city of Newton. To have lighted fields for children athletic events would have many positive attributes. I highly endorse this project. Jonathan Kominik 857-492-6293

From: "Ron Lipof" <rcl02467@gmail.com>
To: <cschein@newtonma.gov>, <bderubeis@newtonma.gov>
Subject: The Highland Park Project
Date sent: Tue, 21 Jan 2014 11:03:41 -0500

I am writing to support the Highland Park project. Newton is clearly lacking an appropriate complex of this nature, and this project will serve to put us on par with cities and towns such as Weston, Needham and Wellesley. Moreover, with the significant increases in elementary and middle school enrollments, this project will have significant use.

Ron

Ronald Lipof
Board Member
Newton South East Little League
+1 617 716 6117
rcl02467@gmail.com

From: Troy Bracher <Troy.Bracher@ifs.statestreet.com>
To: "bderubeis@newtonma.gov" <bderubeis@newtonma.gov>, "cschein@newtonma.gov" <cschein@newtonma.gov>
Subject: Development of Highlands Field
Date sent: Tue, 21 Jan 2014 13:19:12 -0500

Robert/Carol –

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed development of the Highlands project.

My family moved to Newton from Minnesota in 2005. We've had one son participate in Newton Mustangs football (with me volunteering to bring ice to every home matchup), all three sons participate in Newton Youth Soccer, and all three again participating in Newton South Little League or Newton SouthEast Little League (with me coaching at various levels).

Having traveled to quite a number of other football, soccer, and baseball facilities inside of 495 (and in my home state), there is no question Newton lags quite far behind in having a very high quality venue that would attract children to participate and visitors to come in for jamborees/tournaments. The location is perfect, as it does not require any additional purchase of (very dear) real estate and is located near many local establishments who could benefit, business-wise.

The finished product will certainly be a source of pride for all residents of the city and addresses a need for the community-at-large.

Please do whatever you can to keep up the momentum on bringing this long-term dream to a reality.

Very Best Regards,

Troy C. Bracher CFA
Vice President
State Street Alternative Investment Solutions
IFS, A State Street Company
617-662-9043 (o)
617-888-1094 (c)

Information Classification: Limited Access

From: RGenser601@aol.com
To: bderubeis@newtonma.gov, cschein@newtonma.gov
Subject: Highlands Project
Date sent: Tue, 21 Jan 2014 13:45:32 -0500 (EST)

Dear Robert J. DeRubeis and Carol Schein,

I have been a resident of Newton for the past 10 plus years. I would like to let you know just how amazing the Highland Project would be for our kids of Newton. It would offer a facility, that does not exist on the south side of Newton, for the kids of Newton.

My wife and I would be willing to help in any way possible to accomplish such an amazing project.

Thanks,

Reese and Jamie Genser
195 Old Farm Road
Newton, MA. 02459

January 22, 2014

TO: Robert DeRubeis, Commissioner, Newton Parks and Recreation
Carol Schein, Project Manager
Members of the Newton Community Preservation Commission

FROM: Terry Sack, Former President, Newton East Little League (1988-2002), Chief Administrator, Newton Senior Youth Baseball League

Dear Commissioner DeRubeis, Manager Schein, and Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

It has been brought to my attention that a full scale renovation of the Newton Highlands Playground, highlighted by an illumination system for the Little League field that will enable the field to become both a showpiece for not only the Newton Community, but will be able to serve as a state-of-the art facility at which Newton can host games with outside communities, including tournaments, is currently up for consideration by the CPC.

As a current board member of Newton SouthEast Little League, and as a past President of one of the league's two predecessor organizations, I can't express how much such a facility will enable the city's baseball programs to move not only into the modern age of youth baseball facilities, but will finally enable the long held desire of baseball families in Newton to be able to play games after dark in a facility that meets all modern safety standards of youth baseball programs. With an ever-increasing involvement of children in extracurricular activities, the ability to play games at night will enable our players to be able to complete what is already a rather short season as compared with other parts of the country. Games that previously may have been postponed permanently will now be able to be completed in spite of the frequent rain cancellations that occur in the average short New England spring.

Indeed, when Newton East Little League first sought to partner with the city to adopt its field, the Jay Gordon Field at Newton Centre Playground, back in 1990, the original hope was that we could eventually play in a facility such as the one being proposed. Over the years, proposals for lights and any other structures on the field were shot down as a result of a very small minority of neighbors to that property. This new facility will enable the league to fulfill its original mission to upgrade the facilities on which it plays.

I am also lending support to this proposal in spite of the end result being the loss of a back-up field for make-up games and practices that occur in the Newton Senior Youth Baseball League, the league in which I am currently the chief administrator. In order for the Senior League program to continue to operate, it needs enthusiastic players and families who have had a positive experience in Little League, so it is really a win-win for both programs.

Thanks for your consideration.

Terry Sack

From: "Dick J. Lee " <dlee@indmortgage.com>
To: cschein@newtonma.gov, bderubeis@newtonma.gov
Subject: Highland's Park
Date sent: Wed, 22 Jan 2014 23:23:41 -0500

To,

Robert DeRubeis, Commissioner, Newton Parks and Recreation
Carol Schein, Project Manager

Members of the Newton Community Preservation Commission

As a lifelong resident of the Garden City, father, business owner and former NELL player and NSELL coach and board member. I fully support the renovation of the Highlands park.

This improvement has been in need since I was a child growing up playing pop warner football at that field. The current lighting has aged at the football and soccer field.

The City of Newton is riding on a nice high with the recent success of the State Championship by the Newton SouthEast Little League All Stars and the Babe Ruth teams reaching state finals.

Using the CPC will comeback 100% towards the children of this great city, I fully support and look forward for a positive outcome

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time

All the Best,
Dick

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Newton League of Women Voters COMMENTS

Project Name: Rehabilitation Design of Newton Highlands Playground

Category: Open Space, Recreation Land

The LWVN Board reviewed our reader summary and suggested comments just last week, and while they approved this statement, they would like the CPC to know that they are reading the proposal themselves and may have further comments and questions.

This playground is in a neglected state and underutilized. The proposal to rehabilitate it fits with LWVN positions, within CPA guidelines, and with city goals. Newton needs more athletic fields for organized sports, and the proposal keeps the more natural and passive recreation aspects as well. The designated Project Manager, Carol Schein, has experience in supervising projects like this.

The site is wet and prone to flooding—thus artificial turf will extend the usability of the fields. But it is by far one of the larger ticket items in the request. Night lighting will also extend the ability of leagues to use these fields.

We also like the preservation of 40% of the land as wild, with a passive use.

But the main beneficiaries are organized sports leagues (Pop Warner, Youth Soccer, Little League), all of which will profit from concessions and perhaps ticket sales. This is a large request for CPA funds when the Park and Recreation department should be putting more of its own funds in.

The parking lot adjacent to this playground is part of the proposal, and is currently not maintained—in fact, City land is being used to store junked vehicles. We think scarce City resources should not be used for private purposes, and this lot, if it is so attractive to long-term parking, should be metered to at least give the taxpayers some return on their investments here.

We were astounded that this proposal came forward with absolutely no neighborhood support indicated. This is critical, especially if the fields will be lit at night and used more often. We suggest this be brought to the neighborhood before funding is considered.

Our questions:

Is commercial parking another major benefit of this project?

Have the proponents explored permeable pavement treatments for the parking lot & the tennis courts—especially as this is a wet area?

We note there is \$220,000 allocated for playground equipment.

- Is it designed for a specific age group e.g. Tot lot, preschool, or elementary? Is the primary target the nearby preschool, younger siblings of children playing the organized sports, neighbors?
- Is this part of the proposal? It appears to be, based on the submitted materials.
- Is it CPC policy to fund playground equipment?
- Would funding this set a precedent?

Is the City committed to funding this project after the plans are done? Or is the CPA on the hook for the bulk of the remaining \$3.5 million?

Will the final project address the flooding here?

The proponents indicate that local businesses have expressed willingness to help fund the project. Where is the plan to show this funding and how it will be used? Where is the list of those businesses committed to help?

The application also appears to reference other privately funded improvements. What are they? How will the projects be jointly managed (if indeed they will be)?

How long is the “walking trail”/loop path in the woods? Where does the tail end go and why?

What are the materials of that path and where is it reflected in the budget?

Comments by Newton League of Women Voters on Fy14 Proposals to the Newton CPC,
summarized at 22 January 2014 public hearing, received in writing 23 January 2014

Bleachers are proposed on only one side of the soccer/football field- why not both sides (abutting the back sides of the houses on Wade Street) as usual for both home and away spectators?

Which Little League uses this field? Will they be using the concessions/amenity building also?

Will the 10' PVC coated Chain link around tennis courts to be black (hopefully)?

Recommendation: Wait until neighbors' support is secured.

Sent to CPC staff by email, 20 March 2014

Srdjan S. Nedeljkovic
5 Bellingham Street
Newton Highlands, MA 02461

Alice Ingerson
Community Preservation Program Manager
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

March 19, 2014

Re: Newton Highlands Playground

Dear Ms. Ingerson,

I am writing in support of the plans to renovate and improve the Newton Highlands Playground. Many have expressed a desire for improved facilities for sports and the proposal to rehabilitate the playground and athletic fields will provide for greater opportunities for football, baseball, and soccer. Also, improving access to passive recreational paths will create beneficial access to park space for the neighborhood and surrounding area throughout the year.

One of my concerns about the project, however, is the intention to create a parking lot within the boundaries of parkland. This would seem to be inconsistent with the purpose of the CPA, since a parking lot would not be considered as open space that can be used for either active or passive recreational use. Since the Newton Highlands Playground is likely under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission, are there any guidelines regarding paving of parkland?

Certainly, safe and convenient access to the Newton Highlands playground is desirable and necessary. Initial inspection of the preliminary drawings indicates that additional parking spaces could be created on the Upland Avenue right of way between Dedham Street and the proposed parking lot. In addition to the 55 street-side parking spaces already noted on the drawing, another 20 or so spaces could be incorporated on that part of the roadway.

Also, there has been much discussion of using "shared parking" strategies to optimize parking management in the city. Note that there are about 92 private parking spaces owned by the adjacent businesses: 36 underground spaces at 56 Winchester, 18 spaces at 72 Winchester, 2 spaces at 78 Winchester, 26 spaces at 82 Winchester, and 10 spaces at 12 Dedham Street. For weekend and evening events at the Playground, could an arrangement be made with the owners to use these empty spaces? Finally, if there were a major parking overflow situation, the private lot at 49-51 Winchester Street has approximately 93 parking spaces. The city and sponsors of the park should explore alternatives that would allow use of these spaces when they are otherwise underutilized.

In summary, I support plans to renovate and upgrade the Newton Highlands Playground as a project consistent with the mission of the Community Preservation Program. However, the final plans should not include paving of parkland for parking.

Sincerely,

Srdjan S. Nedeljkovic, M.D.

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March 31, 2014

Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from Acct # 0111801-511001 to Acct# 0111801-5300 for the purpose of funding the costs associated with developing a software bridge between the City's Finance Plus System and the MUNIS system for Water/Sewer Account reconciliations.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren
Mayor

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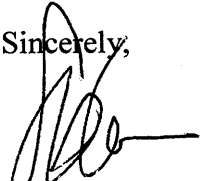
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Acct# 0110301-511001 Executive Office Full Time Salaries to the following accounts:

\$6,000 to Acct # 0110501-511001, and
\$4,000 to Acct #0160301-511001

These amounts are required to cover temporary staff services to cover a maternity leave in one small department and a reclassification of an individual in another small department.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren
Mayor

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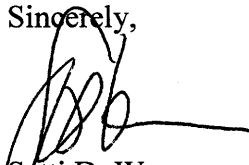
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from FY15 Budget Reserve to Acct: 0111401-5301 Consultants for the purpose of funding an appraisal of the former Parks and Recreation property on Crescent Street.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from FY15 Budget Reserve to Acct: 0111401-5301 Consultants for the purpose of funding an appraisal of the Manet Road Reservoir area.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren
Mayor

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