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Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager  
Planning and Development Department  
1000 Commonwealth Ave.  
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Dear Alice,

I am respectfully requesting to attend the December 11, 2014 meeting of the Community Preservation Committee to discuss the Newton Highlands Playground Rehabilitation project.

On April 1, 2014, the CPC recommended to the Board of Aldermen, funding \$320,000 for the creation of a design plan for Newton Highlands Playground. Of that total cost, \$200,000 was to come from CPA funds and the remaining \$120,000 from private donations. The inability to procure the requisite amount of private funding to this point has effectively placed this project on hold.

It is my intent to petition the CPC to rescind item #2 of the additional recommendations under the CPC Funding Recommendations for Newton Highlands Playground, which states, "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." If the committee is amenable to this change, we can begin to draft the final design documents, which in turn should generate additional interest from private entities.

It is my hope that the committee will look favorably on this request. I look forward to meeting with you in December.

Sincerely,

Robert J. DeRubeis  
Commissioner

cc: Carol Schein, Open Space Coordinator

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