



Programs & Services Committee Report

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Present: Councilors Krintzman (Chair), Humphrey, Noel, Wright, Baker, Albright, and Ryan

Absent: Councilor Greenberg

Also Present: Councilors Lucas, Downs, Oliver, and Kelley

City Staff: Carol Moore, City Clerk; Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operations Officer; Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Culture; Luis Perez Demorizi, Open Space Coordinator; Carolyn Stapleton, Recreation Program Manager; Jaclyn Norton, Committee Clerk

#371-22 Request for salary increase for City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT AND LIPOF requesting an increase in the salary of the City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council to \$131,313 effective July 1, 2022 to match the percentage increase included in the FY23 budget for H-grade employees.

Action: Programs & Services Approved 7-0

Note: The Committee introduced the item with the background that the Council is the body which sets the salary for Clerk Moore, and that changes to her salary need to be approved through an item brought before the Council. This salary increase was noted that it would bring her salary in line with other department heads within the City of Newton. Multiple Councilors commended the work that Clerk Moore has done since joining end of October 2021. Councilor Albright moved to approve the salary increase, which carried unanimously.

#284-22 Resolution supporting the AAPI Community

COUNCILORS LUCAS, DOWNS, GREENBERG, HUMPHREY, KALIS, KRINTZMAN, LAREDO, LIPOF, NORTON, WRIGHT, DANBERG AND BOWMAN on behalf of Newton resident Betty Chan, requesting a resolution supporting the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

Action: Programs & Services Approved 7-0

Note: The Committee introduced the item and explained that this is something that was worked on in collaboration with a resident of the City of Newton. This resolution would reaffirm the Council's support of the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and seek to create an Anti-Asian Hate Crime Task Force. During this introduction edits were proposed that would allow for the resolution to be in line with the status of the investigation regarding the home

break-ins referenced in the resolution, along with changes to the workings of the proposed Task Force.

The amendment regarding the change in the working of the proposed Task Force is due to involved citizens and prominent members of the Newton AAPI community seeking to collectively work with the Newton Human Rights Commission. The language was also changed so that the Council is encouraging the creation of the Task Force rather than creating it. Councilor Humphrey's motion to accept the amendment as proposed by Councilor Lucas carried unanimously.

After this introduction and proposed amendments, the Committee began discussion on this resolution. From the start of this discussion multiple concerns were raised regarding this resolution. These concerns are regarding the language used surrounding the home break-ins and how to go about this resolution without overlooking other marginalized groups. Multiple Councilors acknowledged the need to look at a broader strategy for combating hate crimes within the City of Newton.

In response to the concerns raised regarding the language used surrounding the home break-ins a motion was made to remove the 8th and 9th paragraphs. The removal of these paragraphs is seeking to ensure that the resolution is using the same language as the Newton Police Department. This motion was later amended to have the 8th paragraph only reference the vandalized public artwork and remove the 9th paragraph. The motion brought by Councilor Humphrey as amended by Councilor Ryan passed 5-2 with Councilors Krintzman and Wright opposed.

Immediately following this vote Councilor Krintzman moved to approve the resolution as amended. This motion carried unanimously.

#370-22 Discussion on Field Maintenance Plan

COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN, BOWMAN, KELLEY, LIPOF, KALIS, LAREDO, CROSSLEY, ALBRIGHT, HUMPHREY, LUCAS, MALAKIE, WRIGHT, MARKIEWIZ, NOEL, DOWNS, LEARY, NORTON, OLIVER AND DANBERG requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Culture about the maintenance plan for our parks, recreation and culture resources, including recreational fields. This discussion should include an articulation of how additional funds based upon a budget increase and newly collected user group field fees in the upcoming fiscal year will be utilized. Time permitting, the discussion should also include a description of the capital projects on recreational fields that the department intends to complete in the upcoming fiscal year.

Action: Programs and Services Held 7-0

Note: Nicole Banks joined the Committee to discuss the user group fees, new user fees, and plans for the additional revenue. She began with an overview of the various locations that the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department maintains and more specifics on which locations

fall under grounds maintenance and beautification. This was then combined with a brief overview of the efforts the department has done since beginning this project.

Commissioner Banks then began to provide the committee a breakdown of the fields that the Department is planning projects regarding. Throughout the presentation the considerations taken by the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department and the timeline were especially noted regarding each of the field depictions in the attached presentation. She also made sure to make note of the new LED light systems that are set to be implemented and the benefits of this system over the current system.

At this point in the presentation, Commissioner Banks paused to take questions from the Committee on what she had just presented. In this series of questions multiple councilors asked questions regarding specifics at the fields regarding spectators and the work needed to complete these projects. Commissioner Banks reaffirmed the Department's commitment to maintaining these fields and stated that the Department is looking to find ways to better engage with activity groups to craft a more comprehensive plan.

Following this questioning Commissioner Banks began to showcase the projected revenue from the newly implemented fee structure along with how the department has been able to shift its strategy surrounding the fields. The shift in strategy is due to the reinvestment of revenue and the budget increases the department has received for field maintenance. These sources of increased funds have allowed for the department to complete maintenance on the fields and also provide investments to improve these locations. As for the changes to the fee structure, these mainly center around the shift to a per person fee structure along with a revaluation of the light fees to be more competitive with comparable communities. With these changes the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department is on track to achieve targets set for FY2023. Commissioner Banks then concluded her presentation by expressing continued thanks for the City's support and began taking questions.

During this questioning multiple councilors raised questions about how these improvement projects would fit with other projects the department is working on. Commissioner Banks reaffirmed support of all projects with Jonathan Yeo joining the conversation to provide details regarding timeline for projects that would involve schools. Concerns were also expressed during this time regarding scholarship programs for players to cover fees and a breakdown by tier groups to make sure groups are equitably contributing to maintenance fees. The scholarship program is one that according to Commissioner Banks is primarily handled by the recreation league but sees the potential for exploring other scholarship avenues. As for the breakdown, this is something that was unavailable at the time but is willing to be explored as the department is looking for partners to meet the needs of these fields. Seeing no further discussion the Committee voted on Councilor Wright's motion to hold which carried unanimously.

#181-22 Seeking a review and potential amendment to the Tiger Parking Permit Program
COUNCILORS BOWMAN, ALBRIGHT, DOWNS, NORTON, OLIVER AND DANBERG
seeking a review and potential amendment to the Tiger Parking Permit Program (Sec. TPR-204, Newton North High School Tiger Parking Permit) including review of the number of permits issued, the lottery process for permits and locations included in the Tiger Permit program.

Public Safety & Transportation No Action Necessary 6-0 (Councilor Oliver not voting) on 06/22/2022

Action: Programs and Services No Action Necessary 7-0

Note: The Committee introduced this item and cited that a new item had been refiled and taken up separately regarding the Tiger Parking Permit Program and thus is no longer needed. Seeing no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion no action necessary. This motion was brought by Councilor Albright and carried unanimously.

#306-22 Resolution opposing Ride-Hail Ballot Initiative
COUNCILORS NORTON, BOWMAN, DOWNS, HUMPHREY, LEARY, AND RYAN
requesting a resolution urging the Massachusetts Legislature to oppose H. 1234 and the proposed 2022 state ballot initiative that would re-classify app-based delivery and ride-hailing drivers as independent contractors.

Action: Programs and Services No Action Necessary 7-0

Note: The Chair explained that item #306-22 has lost relevancy due to the Supreme Judicial Court's decision prohibiting this ballot initiative from appearing on the ballot. The Committee with no further comments voted unanimously on a motion of no action necessary from Councilor Ryan.

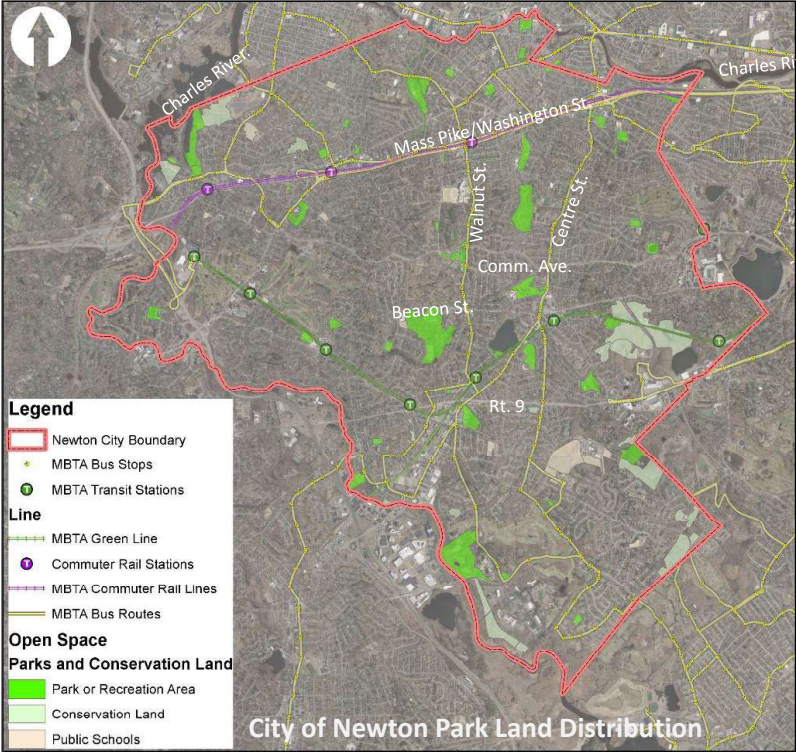
The meeting adjourned at 9:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Josh Krintzman, Chair

AGENDA

- 1 FIELD CAPITAL PROJECTS
- 2 FEES/BUDGET → IMPROVING FIELDS



PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE OVERVIEW:

• Manage and oversee nearly 600 Acres of park land:

- Aquatic facilities
- Tracks + fields
- Trails, pathways + safe routes to schools
- Playgrounds + tot Lots
- Field houses + community centers
- Tennis/ basketball courts
- Passive areas
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Wooded areas
- Outdoor challenge courses
- Dog parks
- Splash pad
- Historic significance
- Wetlands and waterways



Management Teams

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- Fields design/capital projects
- **Fields: Albemarle, Brown/Oak Hill, McGrath, Burr Elem., Forte, Braceland, 3 school Syn-turf carpets, and 3 light projects: NS, NN, Forte**
- Non-fields: Spears garden, NCP perf. stage, Cabot pav., new dog parks, M. S. Path, Lev. Cove, Left Beach, Gath Pool, H.M. playground, NN courts, NCP playground, U.F. splash pad, dozens of Friends/ adopt-a-space efforts, etc.
- Dozens of community meetings/updates

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION

- **Maintain Over 165+ locations (600+ acres)**
- 50+ irrigation systems
- 60+ ballfields
- 40+ basketball courts
- Miles of fencing (any City fence)
- 60+ playgrounds
- Manage 16+ contracts

BOLSTERED OUR MANAGEMENT OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PROJECTS

- **CREATED A NEW DIVISION DEDICATED TO PARKS + OPEN SPACE PROJECTS (FY22)**
 - *HIRED ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT!*
- **STRENGTHENED INPUT OF IN-HOUSE MAINT. AND TURF SPECIALISTS IN PROJECT REVIEW PROCESS**
- **HIRED DESIGN/ENGINEERING FIRMS TO ASSIST WITH PROJECTS (W&S, CDM SMITH)**
- **HIRED TURF MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT (TOM IRWIN ASSOCIATES) TO ADVISE ON FIELDS WORK**

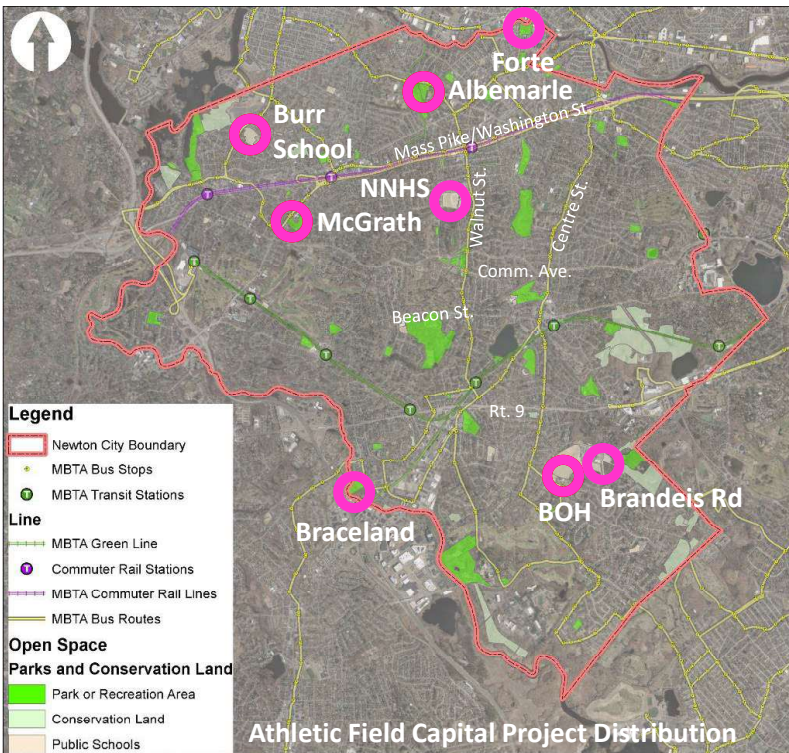
Fields Capital Projects

FIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

- IMPROVE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF MULTIUSE FIELD SPACE
 - *INCREASE EVENING PLAY OPPORTUNITIES*
 - *REPLACE END-OF-LIFE SPORTS LIGHTING*
 - *IMPROVE QUALITY OF ATHLETIC FIELD SURFACES*
 - *INCREASE AVAILABLE REGULATION-SIZE ATHLETIC FIELDS*
- IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY IN PARK AND FIELD AMENITIES
- ESTABLISH BETTER PARK CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR IMPROVED OPERATION & MAINTENANCE POST-CONSTRUCTION
- INVEST EQUITABLY IN NEWTON'S ATHLETIC FIELDS + PARKS ACROSS THE CITY

CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

- POTENTIAL FOR GREATEST CITY-WIDE BENEFIT
- PROJECT SEQUENCING: PRIORITIZE MEANS TO EXPAND PLAY POTENTIAL (NEW FIELDS, LIGHT PROJECTS)
- EXPANDING EVENING PLAY (LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS/ ADDITIONS)
- USE AND CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT DATA
- SPATIAL CRITERIA FOR REGULATION MULTIUSE FIELDS (REDUCE FIELD OVERLAP)
- ACHIEVING GREATER EQUITY ACROSS REGIONS OF CITY
- INTEGRATED WITH OTHER PROJECTS IN A PARK AREA (E.G., PATH AT MCGRATH, GATH POOL PROJECT, FEE ANALYSIS AND INCREASE, STAKEHOLDER FUNDRAISERS ETC.)
- STAKEHOLDER INPUT



5-YEAR STRATEGIC CAPITAL PLAN FOR FIELDS

- Albemarle Park
- Forte Park
- Burr School
- Brown/Oak Hill Fields
- McGrath Park
- Bobby Braceland
- Newton South Brandeis Rd. Field Lighting
- Newton North Tiger Stadium Lighting
- NSHS Synthetic Turf Replacement
- NNHS Synthetic Turf Replacement



Albemarle

Prelim project budget: \$5M

REVISED CONCEPT ALTERNATIVE 2

- Existing to Remain -**
- Murphy (Little League) - refreshed
 - Roche (Little League) - refreshed **and adjustments made to accommodate softball**
 - Cole (softball) - refreshed
 - Multipurpose (MP) field on northern end - refreshed
 - Multipurpose (MP) field and track south of Gath
 - Concessions and batting cages at Murphy
 - Southern end playgrounds
 - Two oaks north of Murphy

- Relocated -**
- Burke (baseball) reoriented; outfield expanded
 - Basketball court

- New -**
- New MP field overlay (E/W)
 - Six new pickleball courts
 - Spray deck footprint
 - Improved pathway circulation and accessible connections to batting cages, spectator seating, etc.
 - Multiuse bike trail along eastern edge
 - Bridge connection over Cheese Cake Brook to Fessenden (future project)
 - New sports lighting (not shown)
 - New irrigation

- Removed -**
- 3A field (softball)
 - Two tennis courts

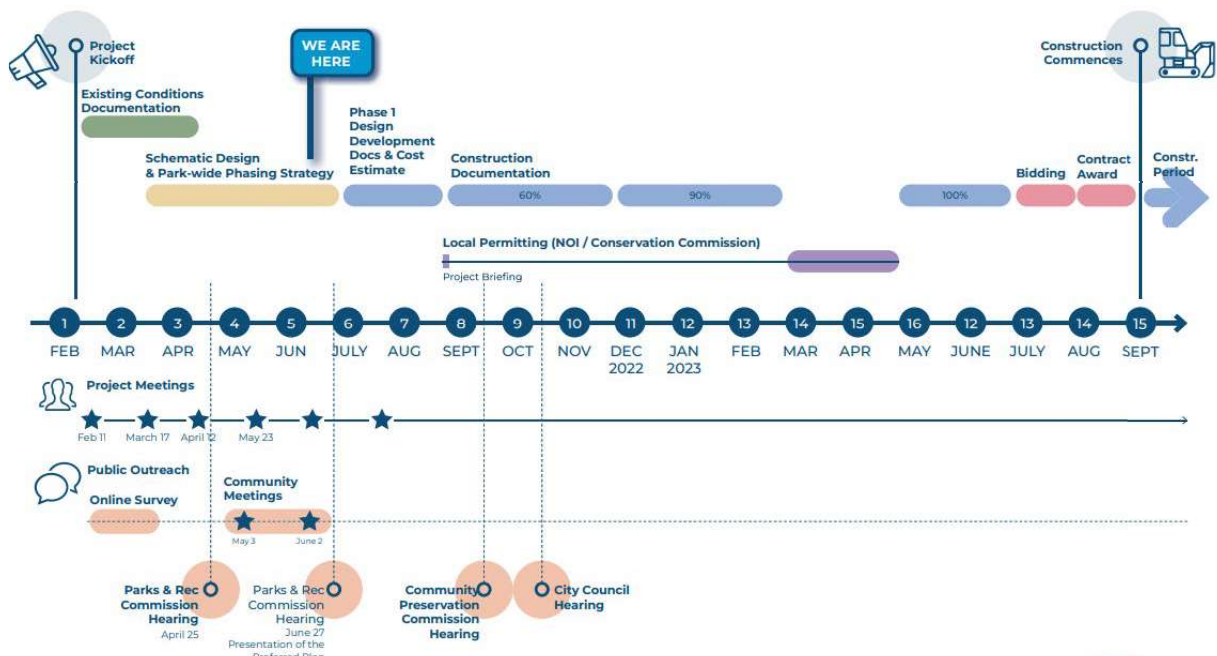


Pros:

- Most diamond fields stay in their same locations and are refreshed.
- Burke outfield expands.

Cons:

- Requires substantial netting around Burke.



Note: The MVP stormwater grant conceptual design was awarded to the project by the CRWA

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Burr Elem. Fields



McGrath

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McGrath

McGrath Park



Brown/ Oak Hill

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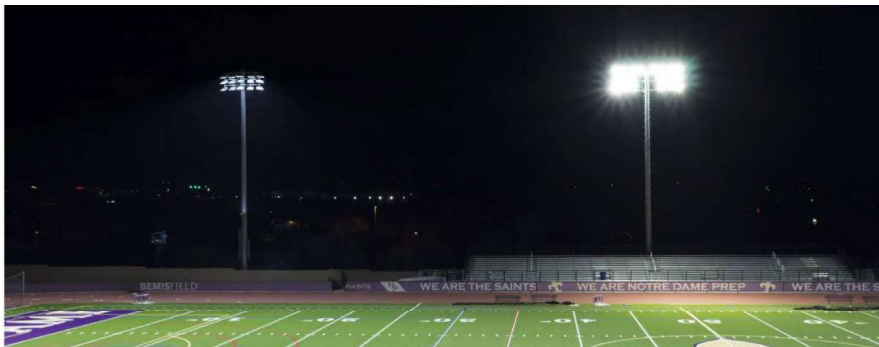
Brown/ Oak Hill

Brown/Oak Hill School



Light System Projects

NEW LED LIGHT SYSTEMS



Benefits

- Focused down lighting
- Energy efficient
- Remote controllable
- 25-year warranty

Field Light Systems

- Highlands
- All high school light systems
- Future: Albemarle, Forte, Pellegrini

Lights Are Important

School dismissal is later in the evening

New park space is incredibly expensive (2-acre min. plus parking) and not available

Maintenance: minor expense to operate vs. maintaining a field, environmental impacts are also minimal

Lighting synthetic turf fields: can handle unlimited use, including during rain events. No reschedules/makeups.

Lighting a field provides: **1,000+ additional hours** of playing time availability

Hours of added playing time each month (based sunset to 9:30pm)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
195h 30m	135h 30m	88h	61h 30m	46h 30m	34h	37h 30m	53h 30m	78h 30m	108h	149h 30m	163h 30m



Field Fees and Field Maintenance

1. FIELD/TURF/LIGHT FEES

- Revised Fee schedule for all field user groups

2. MUNICIPAL FIELD MAINTENANCE BUDGET

3. INVESTING BACK INTO FIELDS



2022 Hourly Field/Light Use Fee Schedule

Tier	Groups	SynT	Grass	Lights
1	PRC, NPS Athletics	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	Newton-based Youth Sports Leagues	\$50	\$10/p	\$35*
3	Leagues and non-profits with minimum 65% residents And: PTOs, Newton-based Private Schools	\$100	\$30	\$35*
4	Leagues and non-profits with less than 65% Newton Residents	\$150	\$40	\$50
5	Private for-profit Camps and Clinics One-time Events/Tournaments	\$150	\$50	\$50

Tier-2 youth sports are groups that:

- Serve all Newton youth (no cuts)
- Are limited to Newton youth (and all who attend a school in Newton)
- Volunteer run organization with Newton resident board members

* Light fee reduction starting Fall '22

Fields Committee: Tier-2 Field Fees

Tier-2 Comps

- Neighboring communities survey
- 9 of the 14 communities surveyed charge a per participant fee for youth leagues; 3 communities charge youth leagues per hour.
- Lex, Brookline: \$15; Norwood: \$20; Wellesley: \$30; Sudbury: \$40

Tier-2 Projected Revenues

Year	2022	2023	2024
Fee	\$10	\$15	\$20
Revenue	\$95,540	\$129,900	\$173,180

Tier-2 fee schedule adopted per Fields Subcommittee recommendation

INCREASED MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT

- **QUADRUPLED TURF MAINTENANCE BUDGET ALLOCATION**

Public Grounds Maintenance Budget					
Maint. Budget Expense Item	General Description	Fiscal Year 2021	Fiscal Year 2023	Budget Increase in Dollars	Budget Increase Percentage
Turf Mowing	Mowing	\$ 575,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 125,000	22%
	Leaf removal				
	Mulching				
	Pruning				
Turf Management	Aerification	\$ 75,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 225,000	300%
	Fertilization				
	Slice seeding				
	Top dressing				
	Integrated Pest Management (IPM)				

Turf Management Practices (Grass Fields)

- Core aeration – generally two times in spring and fall; this type of aeration pulls a soil core
 - Reduces compaction
 - Allows for better water infiltration and gas exchange
 - Reduces thatch layer
- Slice seeding – generally we are seeding most locations three times per year (mid-April, mid-June, early September)
 - In spring and fall we seed with perennial ryegrass (tri-rye)
 - In June we seed with a bluegrass/perennial ryegrass mixture (80% blue/20% tri-rye)
- Fertilization – generally three to four times per year
 - Frequency depends on fertilizer analysis (number indicated for Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Potassium – N,P,K) and amount of nitrogen applied (per 1,000 sq ft)
 - We use seed starter fertilizer each time we seed
- Topdressing – generally one time per year in fall along with timing of core aeration
 - Sand fills in the aeration holes and helps level the surface over time
 - The sand allows for greater root growth and water infiltration
- Lime – generally one time per year in the fall; amount and type of lime based on soil test results
 - This reduces soil acidity
- Soil testing – generally one time per year
- Soil decompaction – sand injection
- IPM – Once in late spring to early summer
 - Weed preventer to eliminate clover to allow for grass to grow

fy	per acre range				locations maintained per fy	acres maintained per fy	avg per acre cost per fy	operating budget per fy	turf management per fy
	0-3K	3.1-5K	5.1-7K	7.1-10K					
fy19	8	0	0	0	8	22	\$ 1,552.84	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 33,852.00
	100%	0%	0%	0%					
fy20	11	2	0	0	13	30	\$ 2,227.77	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 67,390.00
	85%	15%	0%	0%					
fy21	12	2	0	0	14	40	\$ 1,471.04	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 57,738.13
	86%	14%	0%	0%					
fy22	4	2	8	2	16	54	\$ 5,529.32	\$ 281,674.83	\$ 295,818.75
	25%	13%	50%	13%					
fy23	0	3	15	0	18	59	\$ 6,383.20	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 375,013.25
	0%	17%	83%	0%					

Investing in our Fields

- High End Varsity 450 - 500 Hours per year \$7-10K per acre
- Standard Varsity/Munic. 350 - 400 Hours per year \$5-8K per acre
- Low Maint./Municipal 250 - 300 Hours per year \$3-5K per acre

Credit: Tom Irwin Assoc.

Investing in our Fields (FY19)

	site total	site acreage	per acre cost
albemarle	\$ -	0	\$ -
bowen	\$ 1,817.00	2.3	\$ 790.00
burr park	\$ -	0	\$ -
cabot	\$ -	0	\$ -
forte park	\$ 3,280.00	2	\$ 1,640.00
lincoln warren	\$ -	0	\$ -
lower falls cc	\$ -	0	\$ -
nahanton park	\$ 3,280.00	2	\$ 1,640.00
new cold springs	\$ 3,280.00	2	\$ 1,640.00
newton highlands	\$ 4,675.00	5.5	\$ 850.00
nnhs	\$ 4,380.00	2	\$ 2,190.00
nshs	\$ 4,380.00	2	\$ 2,190.00
oak hill	\$ 8,760.00	4	\$ 2,190.00
warren house	\$ -	0	\$ -
weeks field	\$ -	0	\$ -
	\$ 33,852.00	21.8	\$ 1,552.84

Turf management only (no mowing or irrigation cost included)

Investing in our Fields (FY22)

	site total	site acreage	per acre cost
albemarle	\$ 34,595.75	6	\$ 5,765.96
bowen	\$ 9,142.00	3	\$ 3,047.33
burr park	\$ 8,859.75	1.5	\$ 5,906.50
cabot	\$ 8,121.25	1	\$ 8,121.25
forte park	\$ 14,378.00	2	\$ 7,189.00
franklin school	\$ 676.50	1.5	\$ 451.00
lincoln warren	\$ 11,590.75	2.5	\$ 4,636.30
lower falls cc	\$ 5,386.75	2.5	\$ 2,154.70
nahanton park	\$ 10,128.00	2	\$ 5,064.00
new cold springs	\$ 19,707.00	3	\$ 6,569.00
newton highlands	\$ 17,497.75	2.5	\$ 6,999.10
nnhs	\$ 24,954.50	4	\$ 6,238.63
nshs	\$ 21,315.25	4	\$ 5,328.81
oak hill	\$ 57,481.75	6.5	\$ 8,843.35
warren house	\$ 38,846.75	5.5	\$ 7,063.05
weeks field	\$ 13,137.00	6	\$ 2,189.50
	\$ 295,818.75	53.5	\$ 5,529.32

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Investing in our Fields (FY23)

	site total	site acreage	per acre cost
albemarle	\$ 43,677.75	7.25	\$ 6,024.52
bowen	\$ 17,376.00	3	\$ 5,792.00
burr park	\$ 10,375.50	1.5	\$ 6,917.00
cabot	\$ 10,323.50	1.75	\$ 5,899.14
forte park	\$ 14,234.00	2	\$ 7,117.00
lincoln warren	\$ 18,742.50	2.5	\$ 7,497.00
lower falls cc	\$ 13,305.00	2.5	\$ 5,322.00
lyons field	\$ 3,706.50	0.75	\$ 4,942.00
nahanton park	\$ 10,644.00	2	\$ 5,322.00
ncp - jay gordon	\$ 3,706.50	0.75	\$ 4,942.00
new cold springs	\$ 20,751.00	3	\$ 6,917.00
newton highlands	\$ 18,890.50	2.75	\$ 6,869.27
nnhs	\$ 28,468.00	4	\$ 7,117.00
nshs	\$ 28,468.00	4	\$ 7,117.00
oak hill	\$ 43,086.00	8	\$ 5,385.75
richardson	\$ 7,413.00	1.5	\$ 4,942.00
warren house	\$ 39,143.50	5.5	\$ 7,117.00
weeks field	\$ 42,702.00	6	\$ 7,117.00
	\$ 375,013.25	58.75	\$ 6,383.20

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As Fees and City Investments Increase:

- Greater investment in fields; bring more up to green investment level (\$5-7K/acre range)
- Bring more playing fields into program (e.g., Countryside, Franklin, Horace Mann, Zervas)
- Invest in newly expanded playing areas (e.g., Burr Elem., Lincoln-Elliot, McGrath)
- Purchase equipment to increase work efficiencies (e.g., drone field liner)
- Additional funding source for emergencies (e.g., irrigation repairs in June)
- Continued service level with inflation.



Field Assessments

- Ongoing field assessments with Turf Consultants
 - Closures due to weather/ turf conditions
 - Ongoing maintenance, these are not one-time expenditures
 - Reposition goals where/when possible, to reduce excessive wear
 - Monitoring field booking activity and putting capacity limits in place as necessary
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Newton Athletic Fields Foundation

PETITION: 12/12/2020 (SUBMITTED 18 MONTHS AGO)

Newton needs a multi-year athletic fields improvement program to:

- ✓ Rehabilitate fields in disrepair
- Construct synthetic turf fields
- ✓ Increase maintenance to support usage levels
- ✓ Configure and allocate fields based on demand (not history)
- ✓ Install additional field lighting

We seek a formal commitment from the Mayor's office, City Council and Parks, Recreation & Culture (PR&C) department to:

- ✓ Allocate capital and operating funds
- ✓ Commit to a multi-year plan (dates, deliverables, budget, resources)
- ✓ Charge market-rate rental fees and direct them to field maintenance
- ✓ Commit Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds annually
- ✓ Dedicate the required resources to both deliver improvements and maintain existing fields

