

AGENDA ITEM #: 21-120
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SUBJECT: Use of Bond Proceeds for Parks & Recreation Facility Improvements

PURPOSE

This staff report has been generated to authorize use of funds from a previous bond issuance to initiate work on improvements at several Parks and Recreation facilities.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The Council is encouraged to support this Resolution as it assists with the execution of the Council's goals to enhance our recreational facilities.

BACKGROUND

Town Council authorized the issuance of a \$1.8 million bond in 2018 for use to improve Parks & Recreation facilities. In March 2020, Town Council was presented with the results of the Town-wide recreation needs assessment study prepared by the University of New Hampshire. During the assessment study process, several stake holders provided feedback to better guide the Town Council in directing these bond proceeds to specific projects. Town Council has since met on several occasions, most recently at their September 14, 2021 workshop, to confirm the promotion of several Parks & Recreation facility improvement projects which sum to \$475,000.

DISCUSSION

Based on feedback received from the September 14, 2021 Town Council workshop, the following projects have been recommended from the bond proceeds:

1. Lighting Don Ball Park (\$75,000) – Upgrade of the existing lights on two fields to LED
2. Lighting Vet's/O'Hara Field (\$75,000) - Upgrade of the existing lights on two fields to LED
3. Installation of Pickle Ball at Vet's Field (combined with #2)
4. Lighting Rider Field (\$200,000) – Upgrade of existing lights on Rider #1 and new poles and lighting on Rider #2
5. Rider Field parking lot (\$125,000) – Install new paving on access road and parking lot

The Department of Public Works would develop a plan to implement these projects in calendar year 2022 after initial design is prepared and the projects are bid via a competitive procurement process.

FISCAL IMPACT

The available bond proceeds are \$1.64 million, these projects total \$475,000. The authorization of these projects will reduce available bond proceeds to \$1,165 million.

Although not fully analyzed, there is an expected savings in electricity usage due to the upgrade from High Pressure Sodium bulbs to LED. There will be additional reporting to Town Council and NetZero Task Force regarding the projected savings attributable to LED light conversion.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

Staff recommends Town Council vote affirmatively to approve the attached resolution.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

See Resolution 2021-063

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