

Minutes of Special Town Meeting  
August 30, 2021

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Coventry was held at the Coventry High School Lecture Hall (78 Ripley Hill Road, Coventry, Connecticut 06238) on August 30, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. (E.T.).

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, with 35 people in attendance by Julie Blanchard, Chairperson of the Town Council. We stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the soldiers in Afghanistan. Julie introduced the Town Manager, John Elsesser, Council members, Lisa Contant, Richard Williams, Lisa Thomas, Jon Hand. Nominations were called for, Richard Williams nominated Peter DePaola, 82 Wall St., second by Christine Pattee 98 Brookline Rd. No further nominations, and Peter DePaola, 82 Wall St. was elected as Moderator

The Moderator read the Notice of the meeting and stated that said Notice, signed by the Town Manager and the Town Clerk, had been posted on the Town signpost on August 16, 2021, and that a copy thereof had been published in The Chronicle a newspaper of general circulation in said Town, in its issue of August 16, 2021.

The Moderator stated that in accordance with Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended, only an elector of the Town or a citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him, based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town or who would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption under subdivision (17), (19), (22), (23), (25) or (26) of section 12-81, may be entitled to vote at the meeting.

**MODERATOR READ: ITEM #1**

To receive a communication from the Town Council with respect a resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$325,000 For The Planning, Design, And Construction Of A New Softball Field And Related Improvements Along Plains Road And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$325,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

**MODERATOR READ: ITEM#2**

To receive a communication from the Town Council with respect a resolution entitled "Resolution Amending A Resolution Appropriating \$2,780,000 For The Replacement Of Roofs And The Fire Alarm System At Various Town Schools And The High School/Middle School Complex And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,780,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

The following communication from the Town Council was received and ordered incorporated in the minutes of the Meeting:



August 16, 2021

To the Legal Voters of the Town of Coventry,

At a meeting of the Town Council held August 16, 2021, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED: That the resolutions entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$325,000 For The Planning, Design, And Construction Of A New Softball Field And Related Improvements Along Plains Road And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$325,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose" and "Resolution Amending A Resolution Appropriating \$2,780,000 For The Replacement Of Roofs And The Fire Alarm System At Various Town Schools And The High School/Middle School Complex And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,780,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", copies of which are attached hereto, are hereby approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town at an Adjourned Town Meeting and Referendum to be held pursuant to Section 9-3(e) of the Town Charter.

Very truly yours,

Richard Williams  
Secretary of the Town Council

**MODERATOR READ: ITEM #3.**

To consider a resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$325,000 For The Planning, Design, And Construction Of A New Softball Field And Related Improvements Along Plains Road And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$325,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

Jon Hand, 178 Carpenter Rd. read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$325,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SOFTBALL FIELD AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS ALONG PLAINS ROAD AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$325,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The sum of \$325,000 is appropriated by the Town of Coventry, Connecticut (the "Town") for the planning, design, and construction of a new softball field and related improvements along Plains Road, including without limitation, for equipment, fencing, irrigation system and landscaping, and for administrative, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto, said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all State and Federal grants-in-aid thereof (collectively, the "Project").

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, \$325,000 bonds of the Town, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the maximum maturity permitted by the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended from time to time (the "Connecticut General Statutes"). The bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Town Manager and Town Treasurer, in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of State and Federal grants-in-aid of the Project, or the actual amount thereof if this is to be ascertainable, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal and financing costs of issuance of such bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer, bear the Town seal or a

facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent and the paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including the approval of the rate or rates of interest, shall be determined by the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer, in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Town Manager in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in his discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, provisions of the purchase agreement shall be approved by the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer.

Section 4. The Town Manager and the Town Treasurer are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Town Manager, be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, Connecticut, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Town Manager pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The Town Manager is authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State loans and/or any grants-in-aid of the Project and is further authorized to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof and in connection therewith, to contract in the name of the Town with engineers, contractors and others.

Section 6. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount and for the Project with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Tax-Exempt Obligations") authorized to be issued by the Town. The Tax-Exempt Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Town Manager or his

designee is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of Tax-Exempt Obligations, and to amend this declaration.

Section 7. The Town Manager and the Town Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") and to provide notices to the MSRB of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to the MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 8. The Town Manager is hereby authorized on behalf of the Town, to enter into any other agreements, instruments, documents and certificates, including tax and investment agreements, for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution.

Section 9. This resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Town electors and persons qualified to vote in Town Meeting at a duly warned Town Meeting and Adjourned Town Meeting and Referendum to be held pursuant to Section 9-1 and Section 9-3(e) of the Town Charter.

John Elsesser gave presentation on the Softball Field Construction. Presentation attached.

Discussion:

Julie Blanchard, Wrights Mill Rd., read a statement (which is attached) on behalf of Matt O'brien, Sr., who was not present at the meeting. Julie also expressed her approval for the project.

Carolyn Arabolus, 132 North Farms Rd., She was speaking on behalf of the Democratic Town Committee (statement attached).

Marty Milkovic, 856 Dunn Rd. He is in favor of the softball fields and disappointed they are not constructing two fields. Understands the need for replacing roofs even with the price increase.

Christine Pattee, 98 Brookline Rd., In favor of both resolutions. Stated that families buying into Coventry is buying because of the Schools, and amenities. Grand list increasing because of this.

Lisa Thomas, 255 Geraldine Rd., speaking as a private citizen not a council member. She is disappointed in only one field being constructed. Thinks this is unfair and not equal.

Joan Lewis, 48 Antrim Rd., Speaks as a former Council Chair who started the Softball Committee. Thanks the members of the committee and supports the resolution.

Jon Hand, 178 Carpenter Rd., Speaking as a citizen and father of two girls. In favor but state the women need resources in sports.

Discussion Closed.

Moderator Read ITEM #4.

To consider a resolution entitled "Resolution Amending A Resolution Appropriating \$2,780,000 For The Replacement Of Roofs And The Fire Alarm System At Various Town Schools And The High School/Middle School Complex And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,780,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

Lisa Thomas read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING  
\$2,780,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ROOFS AND THE

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT VARIOUS TOWN SCHOOLS AND  
THE HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPLEX AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,780,000 BONDS OF THE  
TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE  
ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY  
BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$2,780,000 For The Replacement Of Roofs And The Fire Alarm System At Various Town Schools And The High School/Middle School Complex And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,780,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, adopted by the Town Council on August 3, 2020, and approved by a referendum on November 3, 2020 (the “Resolution”), is hereby amended to increase the amount of each of the appropriation and bond authorization set forth therein by \$3,900,000 from \$2,780,000 to \$6,680,000.

Section 2. Section 1 of the Resolution is hereby amended by deleting said Section and substituting the following in lieu thereof, thereby making said Section read as follows:

“Section 1. The sum of \$6,680,000 is appropriated by the Town of Coventry, Connecticut (the “Town”) for the replacement of roofs at Coventry High School, High School/Middle School Complex and George Hershey Robertson Elementary School and the replacement of the fire alarm system at Coventry High School, High School/Middle School Complex and Captain Nathan Hale Middle School, including without limitation, equipment, and electrical and for administrative, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto, as more fully set forth in the Capital Improvement Plan of the Town of Coventry, FY '21 thru FY '25, said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all State and Federal grants-in-aid thereof (collectively, the “Project”).”

Section 3. The first sentence of Section 2 of the Resolution is hereby amended by increasing the amount of bonds therein authorized to be issued by \$3,900,000 from \$2,780,000 to \$6,680,000, thereby making said sentence read as follows:

“Section 2. To meet said appropriation, \$6,680,000 bonds of the Town, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the maximum maturity permitted by the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended from time to time (the “Connecticut General Statutes”).”

Section 4. Section 6 of the Resolution shall be applicable to the appropriation and bond authorization added by this resolution, as of the date of the adoption of this resolution.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Town electors and persons qualified to vote in Town Meeting at a duly warned Town Meeting and Adjourned Town Meeting and Referendum to be held pursuant to Section 9-1 and Section 9-3(e) of the Town Charter.

John Elsesser gave a presentation on this resolution, which is attached to the minutes.

The Moderator explained that under Section 9-3(e) of the Town Charter any resolution of the Town authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes of \$100,000 or more, after approval by the Town Council, must be voted on at a referendum to be held at an Adjourned Town Meeting or to be held in conjunction with the next

regular election, as determined by the Town Council. Accordingly, the Moderator stated that the meeting would continue for purposes of discussion on the proposed resolutions.

**DISCUSSION:**

Jon Hand, 178 Carpenter Rd., Spoke in favor of the resolution to amend the original. Too bad that the expense has risen.

The Moderator explained that the questions to be voted on at the Adjourned Town Meeting and Referendum shall be as follows:

“Shall the resolution entitled ‘Resolution Appropriating \$325,000 For The Planning, Design, And Construction Of A New Softball Field And Related Improvements Along Plains Road And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$325,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose’, as introduced and read at a Special Town Meeting held August 30, 2021, be approved?”

“Shall the resolution entitled ‘Resolution Amending A Resolution Appropriating \$2,780,000 For The Replacement Of Roofs And The Fire Alarm System At Various Town Schools And The High School/Middle School Complex And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,780,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose’, as introduced and read at a Special Town Meeting held August 30, 2021, be approved?”

The Moderator further explained that the ballot label for each said question would read as follows:

“Shall the resolution making an appropriation of \$325,000 for the planning, design, and construction of a new softball field and related improvements along Plains Road, be approved?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.”

“Shall the resolution increasing each of the appropriation and bond authorization by \$3,900,000 from \$2,780,000 to \$6,680,000 for the replacement of roofs and fire alarms at various Town schools and the High School/Middle School Complex, be approved?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_.”

The Moderator further explained that the foregoing questions would be submitted to the legal voters of the Town for a vote by optical scan voting machine on November 2, 2021, during the hours between 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.T.); that the voting take place in the polling places established for voting districts #1 and #2, and that voters entitled to vote by reason of Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, may vote at District #1. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law. The polling places are as follows:

**District #1- G.H. Robertson School, 227 Cross St.**

**District #2- Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Rd.**

The Moderator then ordered the Town Manager and Town Clerk to prepare, post and publish a proper notice with respect to the voting at said referendum to be held at an Adjourned Town Meeting held on November 2, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectively Submitted,

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Lori Tollmann, MCTC  
Town Clerk

Received for Record on September 2, 2021

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Brooke R. Manning, CCTC  
Assistant Town Clerk

I am writing in favor of both questions.

The school roof estimate has increased, in large part, due to the increasing cost of the materials. This is unfortunate but these projects are vital and must go forward.

I am very excited about the softball field project moving forward. This project is a result of a lot of hard work on the part of our Town staff, the Coventry Softball Fields Committee and some members of the Town Council. This has been a priority of the Council majority and we are all excited it is poised to be completed.

The ability to move forward with building a new tournament ready softball field, on the land where the current transfer station is located, is the perfect solution. This field will be very connected to both the Miller Richardson baseball fields and the fields on the landfill. It is very central to both sites and will quickly be integrated into the complex. This project will also construct two new parking lots that will satisfy the increased parking needs of the girls' softball league and, at the same time, resolve some existing issues related to parking, traffic and pedestrian safety on Plains Road. I know that this process has taken many turns but this is the right project, at the right time and I urge everyone to support it.

Matthew O'Brien 98 Timber Trail  
Chairman Town Council Finance Committee  
Vice Chairman, Town Council

read by Julie Blanchard 763 Wrights Mill Rd

Good evening.

My name is Carolyn Arabolos and I live at 132 North Farms Road. However, I'm not here tonight to speak for myself but, rather, on behalf of the Coventry Democratic Town Committee, of which I serve as Chairwoman.

The Coventry DTC continues to reiterate its support for Coventry Girls Softball and, specifically, for access to their own fields dedicated to their sport.

The Coventry Softball Field Study Committee was established by the 2017-2019 Town Council, under the leadership of Joan Lewis and on which I proudly served. Since then, the softball committee has put in countless hours researching, presenting their findings and recommendations, and advocating for the girls in this town. The committee has put forth the recommendation that two fields be built to support girls' softball in Coventry. To quote the committee's recommendation last year to the Town Council, their "[f]indings indicated that at least two softball fields are needed in order to meet the safety, equity and capacity needs of the growing membership."

Yet, the majority on this Town Council continues to ignore those recommendations. Instead, what has been put forth for the citizens of this town to consider is a single field.

Our girls deserve equity in their playing time and playing fields. However, this issue is about more than just softball fields. It is about equality of opportunity. It is about treating women and girls as equals, something that seems to have been missing in this decision-making process.

While we understand that one field is better than the no-field status that Coventry Girls' Softball has been playing under for way too many years, it is still insufficient. We believe that this resolution sends a loud and clear message to the girls who want to join and participate in

their beloved sport that they are second to the boys in this town. And it also sends a message to the boys and young men that this is OK. It is not.

There is more to governance than just saving money, especially when it is at the expense of a group of the town's citizens. True leadership is about making the right choices, even when those choices may be tough to make.

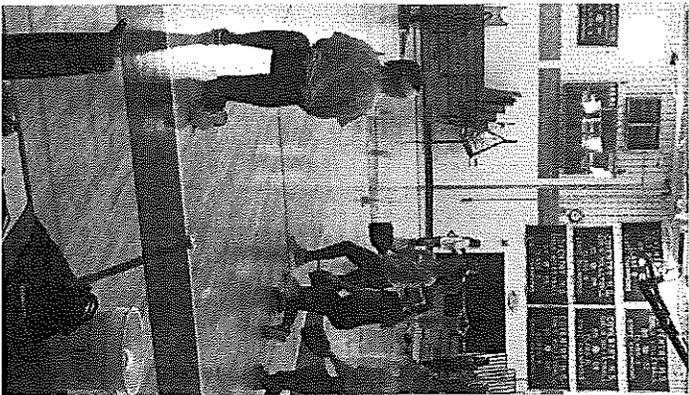
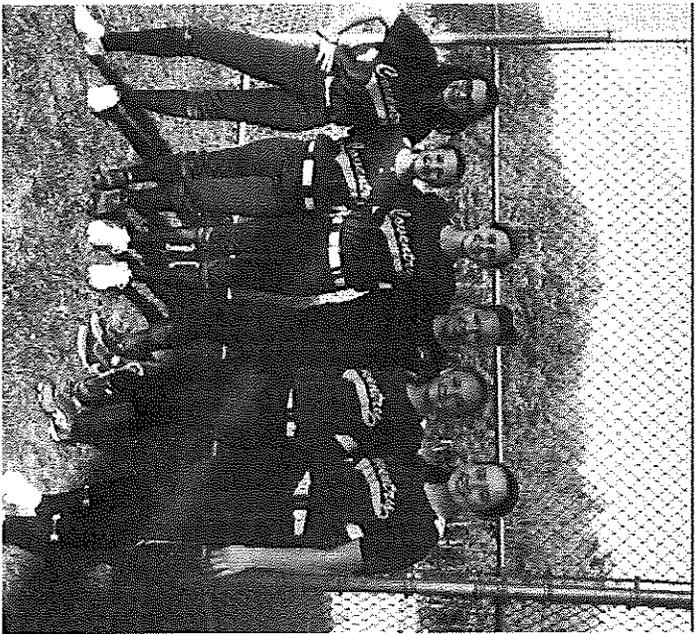
We wish to congratulate the Softball Committee on the outstanding work they have done on this project. They have held forth in their dedication, commitment, and advocacy. They continue to show their resilience despite the setbacks, disrespect, and resistance they have been forced to deal with.

Girls Softball is played on every continent, in more than 110 countries, and is an Olympic sport, yet in Coventry it is not deemed worthy of two playing fields.

# **GIRL'S SOFTBALL FIELD PROPOSAL**

**TOWN MEETING: AUGUST 30, 2021 FOR VOTE ON TUESDAY NOV. 2, 2021**

# Pursuing a home for Girl's Softball



Coventry Girl's Softball asked Town Council to consider building a softball field. Council appointed a study Committee.



Submitted a request for a study to be conducted. The study was completed and the results were presented to the Town Council.



Presented recommendations to Town Council, which fined tuned proposal, and sent to Town Meeting/Referendum

**Coventry Softball Field Study Committee  
Final Recommendation (excerpt): March 7, 2021**

The Coventry Softball Field Study Committee is pleased to report that a location for the softball fields complex has been studied thoroughly and unanimously selected by our Committee. We have completed the required steps as identified by our charge from the Town Council and are excited to present our findings.

Careful consideration and significant time were dedicated to studying this charge. The recommended location is the Department of Public Works Laydown Yard (also known as the gravel pit)

... We are confident that the DPW Laydown Yard is the best location to most efficiently and effectively secure safe and equitable playing fields for the Coventry Girls' Softball Program

This decision is supported by the following findings:

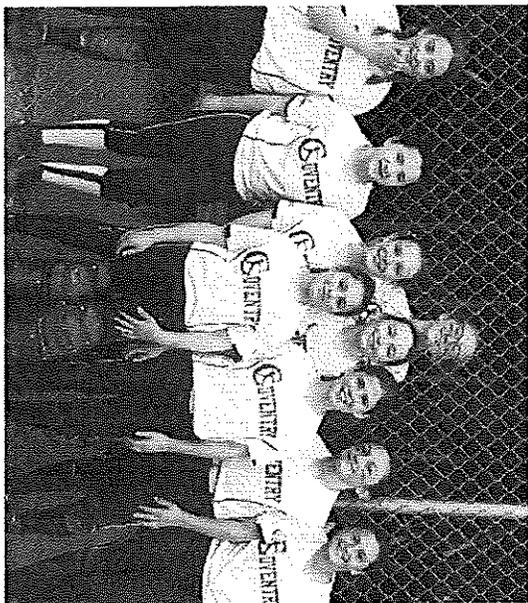
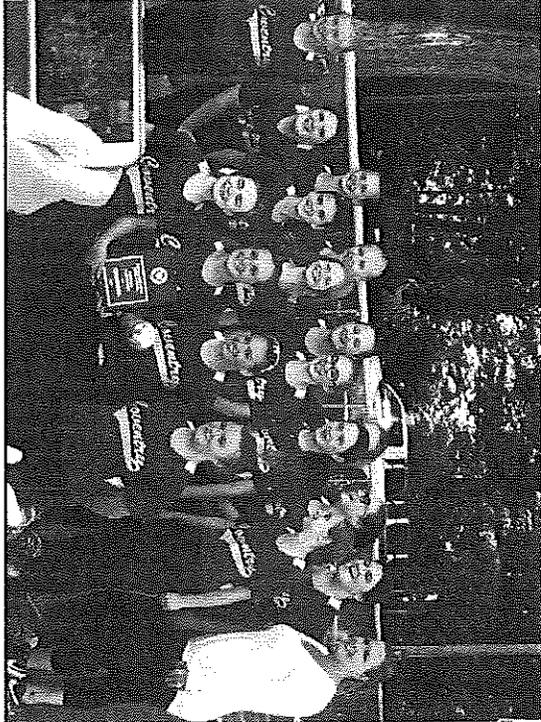
- The land is currently owned by the town of Coventry and therefore, would not require additional funds to purchase the property.
- There is not a significant cost difference between the DPW Laydown Yard and the Landfill in building a softball complex.
- Utilizing the DPW Laydown Yard for a softball complex would leave the Landfill (existing football field) available to use for additional athletic fields. This could represent a significant cost savings to the town that may otherwise result in securing adequate facilities for other sports.
- Sharing amenities such as bathrooms and concessions with baseball at Miller Richardson Field would result in a cost savings.
- The close proximity between the DPW Laydown Yard and Miller Richardson field unites softball and baseball fields into one unified complex making it more conducive for family and community connections and sharing of resources.

The land report findings and cost estimates from Anchor Engineering have been shared with you.

### Steps Completed

The six-member Committee has completed the following steps as outlined in the Town Council Charge:

1. Reviewed existing town owned and other potential land purchase options.
2. Considered location, access, neighborhood impact, water supply and expected level of maintenance.
3. Secured support from the Town Council to allocate funds for cost estimates based on three appropriate locations





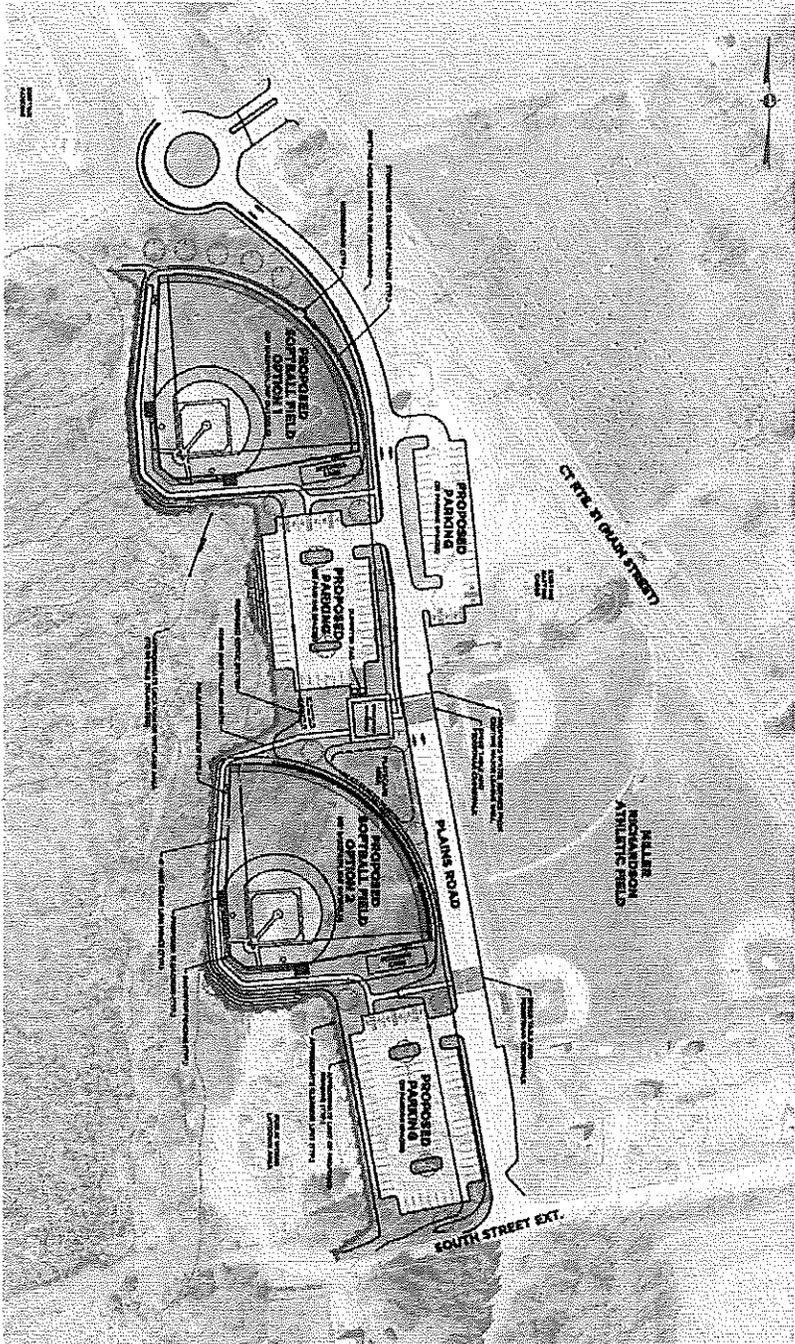
**Proposed Common Driveway entrance**

**Option 1: Transfer station relocation**

**Option 2: Laydown yard**

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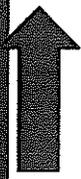
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ANCILLARY SOFTBALL FIELD ITEMS						
ITEM	QTY	UNIT	PAY	UNIT	COST	COST
WOOD FRAMED BUILDING FOR CONCESSIONS & BATHROOMS	1	EA	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
FINISH AND INSTALL PITCHING MOUND	1	EA	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
MECHANICAL SCOREBOARD	1	EA	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
IRRIGATION SYSTEM	1	LS	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
BERMATION WELL	1	LS	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
DOMESTIC WATER SERVICE CONNECTION	1	LS	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
SUBSTRATE SWAGE DISPOSAL LEACHING SYSTEMS	1	LS	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
STONE DUST PATH @ 1" THICK	1	LF	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
MISC LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS	1	LS	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
SUBTOTAL						\$285,000.00
MINOR CONTINGENCY & LUMP SUM COSTS						
MINOR CONTINGENCY COST - 15% OF CONSTRUCTION COST	1	LS	\$42,750.00		\$42,750.00	\$42,750.00
MOBILIZATION/DEMOLITION/BONDING (5%)	1	LS	\$14,250.00		\$14,250.00	\$14,250.00
CONSTRUCTION STAKING (1.0%)	1	LS	\$2,850.00		\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00
CLEARING & GRUBBING (1.0%)	1	LS	\$2,850.00		\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00
SUBTOTAL						\$62,700.00
PRINAL DESIGN / ENGINEERING / ESTIMATE (3%)						
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION & ADMINISTRATION ESTIMATE (3%)	1	LS	\$14,250.00		\$14,250.00	\$14,250.00
SUBTOTAL						\$14,250.00
ANCILLARY SOFTBALL FIELD ITEMS COST						
						\$376,200.00

**Ancillary and extra costs**  
**Slightly less visibility**  
**Slightly more costs**

COMPLETE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS & PARKING LOT #2 ITEMS						
ITEM	QTY	UNIT	PAY	UNIT	COST	COST
FORMATION OF SEWERAGE	4200	SY	\$2.00		\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00
ROADWAY & PARKING AREA BITUMINOUS CONCRETE (1.5" SL. BINDER COURSE)	360	TONS	\$125.00		\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
ROADWAY & PARKING AREA BITUMINOUS CONCRETE (1.5" 50:5 FINISH COURSE)	360	TONS	\$125.00		\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
ROADWAY & PARKING AREA PROCESSED AGGREGATE BASE (6" THICK)	900	CY	\$40.00		\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
SUBTOTAL						\$134,400.00
MINOR CONTINGENCY & LUMP SUM COSTS						
MINOR CONTINGENCY COST - 15% OF CONSTRUCTION COST	1	LS	\$20,160.00		\$20,160.00	\$20,160.00
MOBILIZATION/DEMOLITION/BONDING (5%)	1	LS	\$6,720.00		\$6,720.00	\$6,720.00
CONSTRUCTION STAKING (1.0%)	1	LS	\$1,344.00		\$1,344.00	\$1,344.00
CLEARING & GRUBBING (1.0%)	1	LS	\$1,344.00		\$1,344.00	\$1,344.00
PRINAL DESIGN / ENGINEERING / ESTIMATE (3%)	1	LS	\$6,720.00		\$6,720.00	\$6,720.00
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION & ADMINISTRATION ESTIMATE (3%)	1	LS	\$6,720.00		\$6,720.00	\$6,720.00
SUBTOTAL						\$43,008.00
COMPLETE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS & PARKING LOT #2 COST						
						\$177,408.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST						\$852,086.40



OPINION OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS  
SOFTBALL FIELD CONSTRUCTION - DPW LAYDOWN YARD

JULY 26, 2021  
Prepared by: Barton and Loguidice, LLC / Coventry Town Engineer

PUBLIC WORKS LAYDOWN YARD

FIELD #1

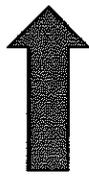
ITEM	QUANT.	UNIT	PAY UNIT COST	COST
<b>BASIC SOFTBALL FIELD CONSTRUCTION ITEMS</b>				
ANTIBACKFILL	1	EA	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
PLACEMENT/REMOVAL OF SUEFENCE	630	LF	\$4.50	\$2,835.00
MASS EXCAVATION MINUS TOP SOIL REMOVAL	23100	CY	\$1.50	\$34,650.00
GENERAL FILL (BORROW MATERIAL)	0	CY	\$20.00	\$0.00
FORMATION OF SUBGRADE	14400	SY	\$2.00	\$28,800.00
STRIP AND STOCKPILE EXISTING TOPSOIL (ASSUME 4" THICK) & THICK CLAYS AND INSTALL 6" TOPSOIL (BATCHWISE STOCKPILE)	1530	CY	\$5.00	\$7,650.00
SCREEN AND PLACE 6" TOPSOIL (BATCHWISE STOCKPILE)	9000	SY	\$3.50	\$31,500.00
TERR ESTABLISHMENT (TODROSED & METICUL)	9000	SY	\$2.00	\$18,000.00
FURNISH & INSTALL 4" HIGH CHAIN LINK FENCING	660	LF	\$45.00	\$29,700.00
FURNISH & INSTALL BACKSTOP FENCING	60	LF	\$125.00	\$7,500.00
FURNISH & INSTALL FENCING DECKETS (WITH BAYOGE)	2	EA	\$7,500.00	\$15,000.00
FURNISH & INSTALL 1/2" WIDE CHAIN LINK GATE	2	EA	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
PARKING AREA BITUMINOUS CONCRETE (1.5" S1 BINDER COURSE)	22	TONS	\$125.00	\$2,750.00
PARKING AREA BITUMINOUS CONCRETE (1.5" S1 FINISH COURSE)	22	TONS	\$125.00	\$2,750.00
PARKING AREA PROCESSED AGGREGATE BASE (8" THICK)	700	CY	\$40.00	\$28,000.00
FIELD DRAINAGE (UNDERDRAINS, BASINS, ETC)	1	EA	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$243,135.00</b>
<b>MINOR CONTINGENCY &amp; LEVY COSTS</b>				
MINOR CONTINGENCY COST - 1% OF CONSTRUCTION COST	1	LS	\$36,470.25	\$36,470.25
MOBILIZATION/DEMOBILIZATION/BONDING (5%)	1	LS	\$72,156.75	\$72,156.75
CONSTRUCTION STAKING (10%)	1	LS	\$2,431.35	\$2,431.35
CLAYBANK & GRUBBING (10%)	1	LS	\$2,431.35	\$2,431.35
FINAL DESIGN/ENGINEERING/ESTIMATE (5%)	1	LS	\$14,831.24	\$14,831.24
CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION & ADMINISTRATION ESTIMATE (5%)	1	LS	\$14,831.24	\$14,831.24
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$81,152.17</b>
			<b>BASIC SOFTBALL FIELD CONSTRUCTION COST</b>	<b>\$324,287.17</b>

Option 2: Lay Down Yard

Slightly less  
visibility  
Slightly more  
costs



ANGLIARY SOFTBALL FIELD ITEMS				
PURCHASE AND INSTALL PITCHING CAPE	1	EA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
MECHANICAL SCOREBOARD	1	EA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
IRRIGATION SYSTEM	1	L.S.	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
IRRIGATION WELL	1	L.S.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
STORAGE/ST. PATH (2" THICK)	440	LF	\$50.00	\$22,000.00
MISC. LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS	1	L.S.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$72,000.00</b>
MINOR CONTINGENCY & TEMP-SRV COSTS				
MINOR CONTINGENCY COST - 15% OF CONSTRUCTION COST	1	L.S.	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00
MOBILIZATION/DEMOBILIZATION/BONDING (4%)	1	L.S.	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
CONSTRUCTION STAKING (1.0%)	1	L.S.	\$720.00	\$720.00
CLEARING & GRUBBING (1.0%)	1	L.S.	\$720.00	\$720.00
FINAL DESIGN/ENGINEERING/ESTIMATED (3%)	1	L.S.	\$4,392.00	\$4,392.00
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION & ADMINISTRATION/ESTIMATED (3%)	1	L.S.	\$4,392.00	\$4,392.00
			<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,624.00</b>
<b>COMPLETE SOFTBALL FIELD CONSTRUCTION COST</b>				<b>\$96,624.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>				<b>\$422,911.13</b>



## **Ballot Question**

**“Shall the resolution making an appropriation of \$325,000 for the planning, design, and construction of a new softball field and related improvements along Plains Road, be approved? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_”**

**Vote on Question 1 and 2 adjourned until Tuesday November 2, 2021**

**Polling places:**

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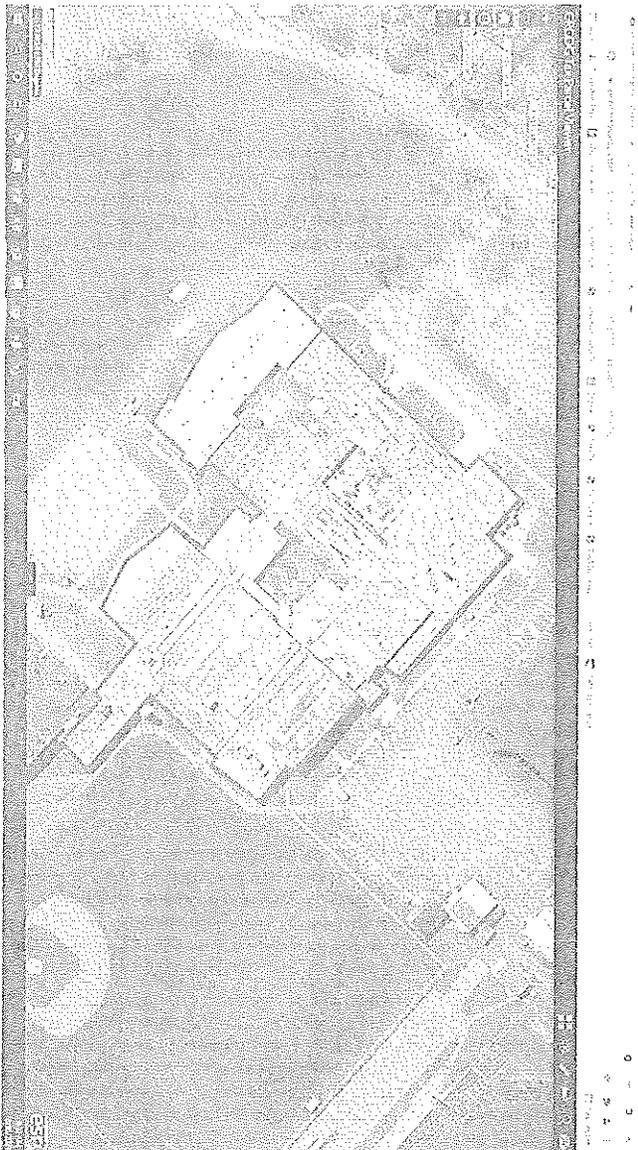
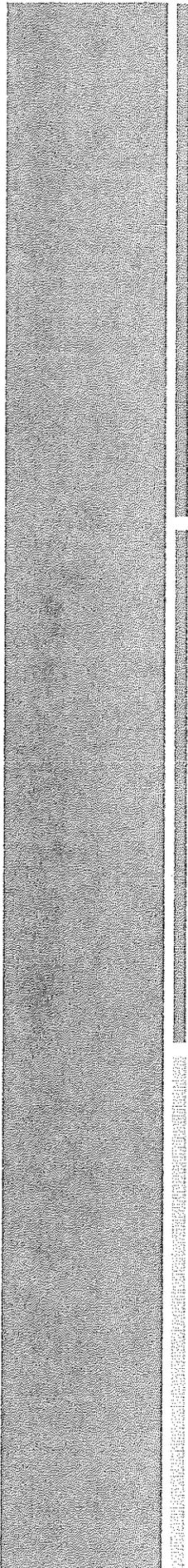
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**TOWN MEETING AUGUST 30, 2021 7:00 P.M.**  
**SCHOOL ROOFS: ADDITIONAL REQUEST**

FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2021 REFERENDUM

"Shall the resolution increasing each of the appropriation and bond authorization by \$3,900,000 from \$2,780,000 to \$6,680,000 for the replacement of roofs and fire alarms at various Town schools and the High School/Middle School Complex, be approved? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_."



CHS/CNHMS



GH Robertson

**School Roof Renovations and Fire Alarm System (Additional)**

Prior Authorization	\$2,780,000
Proposed New Authorization	\$3,900,000
Total Authorization	\$6,680,000
Estimated Grant Reimbursement	(\$3,575,000)
Net Borrowing Amount	\$3,105,000

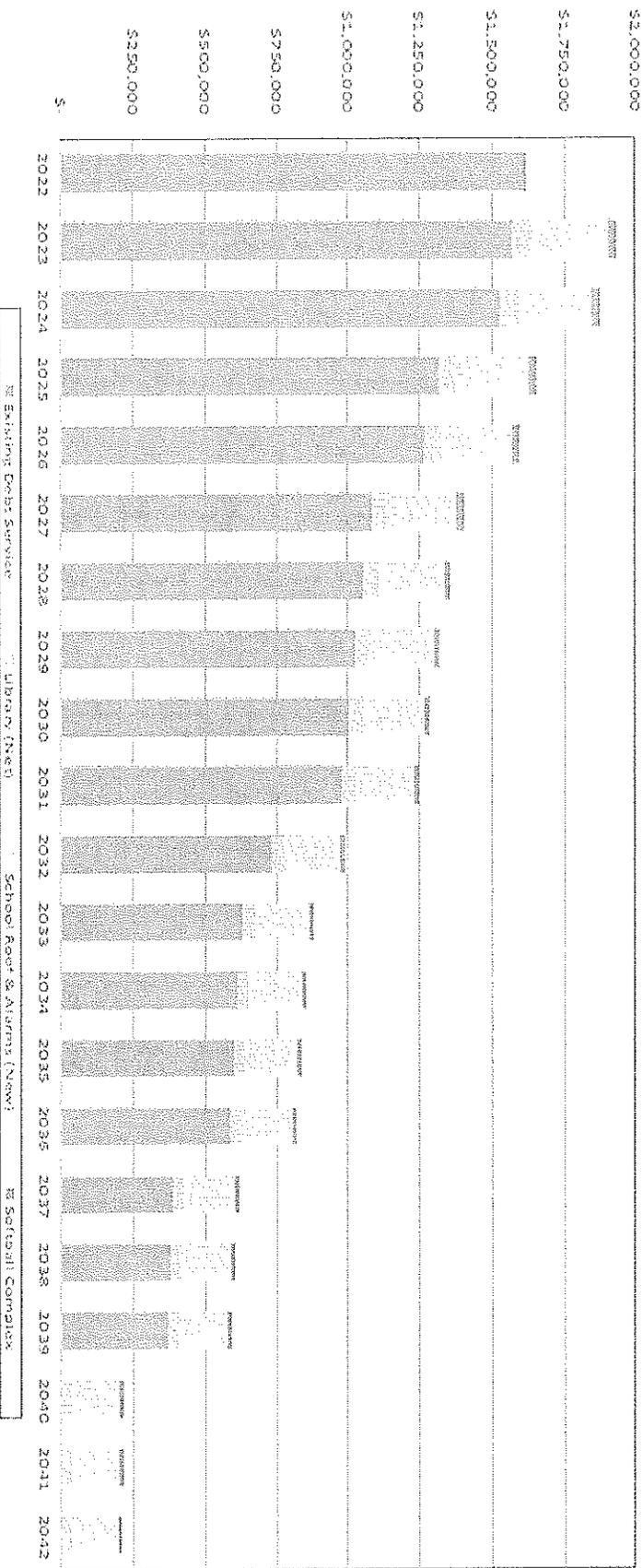
- This project would replace the current flat roof over the High School and joint complex. The roof was installed in 1999 during the renovation and has been leaking the last couple years.
- At GHR it would replace the roof over the 5<sup>th</sup> grade wing and gym that was installed in 1999.
- Combined original estimate was \$2,780,000
- Proposed new authorization requested \$3,900,000 for a total of \$6,680,000
- This project is partially reimbursable from the state with a grant estimate of \$3,575,000

- Market conditions: Original estimate was from a contractor based on market price of \$17 per SF. Current pricing is now estimated at \$34 per SF.
- Additional scope of work also required in Architects review including additional square footage, removal of unused chimney and HVAC gear, inclusion for future new HVAC venting ducts, and roof code changes.
- Pricing verified by recent bids.

# Debt Impact - Library/Roofs/Softball (New)

FISCAL YEAR	(A) Existing General Fund Bonded Debt	(B)		(C)		(D)		(A+B-C+D) Existing Debt + Proposed Projects	Year/Year Change in Debt Service	FISCAL YEAR
		Library	School Roofs & Alarms	Softball Complex	P & I	P & I	P & I			
2022	\$ 1,616,521	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,616,521	\$ -	2022	
2023	1,570,521	66,638	2,67,588	31,638	1,936,384	319,863	1,936,384	319,863	2023	
2024	1,527,596	64,638	254,538	30,638	1,877,459	(58,925)	1,877,459	(58,925)	2024	
2025	1,315,946	62,638	246,838	29,638	1,655,059	(222,400)	1,655,059	(222,400)	2025	
2026	1,266,296	60,638	239,088	28,638	1,594,659	(60,400)	1,594,659	(60,400)	2026	
2027	1,084,696	58,638	231,338	27,638	1,403,309	(192,350)	1,403,309	(192,350)	2027	
2028	1,054,646	56,638	223,588	21,638	1,356,509	(45,800)	1,356,509	(45,800)	2028	
2029	1,028,140	54,638	215,838	20,888	1,319,503	(37,006)	1,319,503	(37,006)	2029	
2030	1,004,946	52,638	208,088	20,138	1,285,809	(33,694)	1,285,809	(33,694)	2030	
2031	981,521	50,638	200,338	19,388	1,251,884	(33,925)	1,251,884	(33,925)	2031	
2032	731,963	48,638	192,588	18,638	994,925	(260,059)	994,925	(260,059)	2032	
2033	631,713	42,438	187,938	18,138	880,275	(111,550)	880,275	(111,550)	2033	
2034	612,950	41,388	183,288	17,738	855,365	(24,913)	855,365	(24,913)	2034	
2035	599,300	40,638	190,188	17,438	837,613	(17,750)	837,613	(17,750)	2035	
2036	585,650	39,988	177,088	17,138	819,863	(17,750)	819,863	(17,750)	2036	
2037	398,550	39,238	173,988	16,838	616,663	(203,200)	616,663	(203,200)	2037	
2038	378,000	38,538	170,888	16,538	604,013	(12,650)	604,013	(12,650)	2038	
2039	368,000	37,888	167,788	16,238	590,913	(13,100)	590,913	(13,100)	2039	
2040	-	37,188	164,688	15,938	217,813	(373,100)	217,813	(373,100)	2040	
2041	-	36,488	161,588	15,638	213,713	(4,100)	213,713	(4,100)	2041	
2042	-	35,744	158,294	15,319	209,356	(4,356)	209,356	(4,356)	2042	
	\$ 16,745,956	\$ 966,056	\$ 4,005,606	\$ 415,881	\$ 22,133,500					

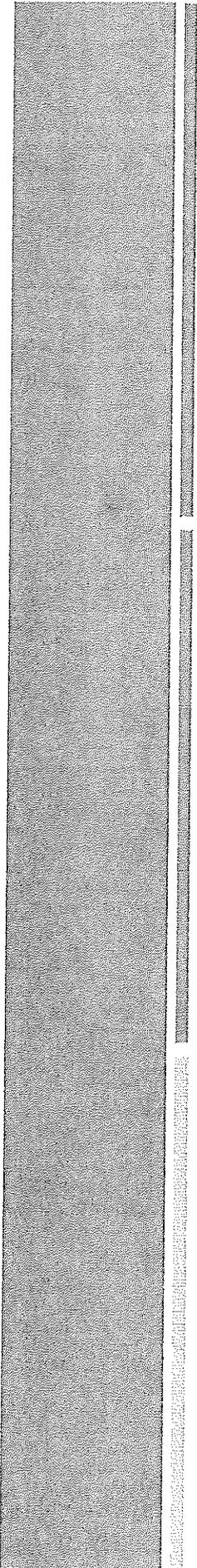
# Debt Impact Chart – Library / Roofs / Softball



# Mill Rate/Tax Impact - Library/Roofs/Softball

Fiscal Year	Existing Debt	Debt Service				Mill Rate				Combined Mill Rate All Debt	Tax Impact from Proposed Projects			Fiscal Year
		Library	School Roofs & Alarm	Softball Complex	Combined	Library	School Roofs & Alarm	Softball Complex	Mill Rate		Median House/Yr	Median House/mth		
2022	\$ 1,616,521	\$ 65,638	\$ 267,588	\$ 31,638	\$ 1,616,521	1.56	0.00	0.00	1.56	\$0.09	\$0.09	2022		
2023	1,570,521	64,538	254,588	30,638	1,570,521	1.51	0.05	0.03	1.56	\$0.94	\$4.25	2023		
2024	1,527,506	62,638	245,588	29,538	1,527,459	1.47	0.06	0.03	1.51	\$48.56	\$4.05	2024		
2025	1,515,945	60,638	239,088	28,638	1,515,059	1.27	0.06	0.03	1.59	\$47.07	\$3.92	2025		
2026	1,266,726	58,638	231,338	27,638	1,594,659	1.22	0.06	0.03	1.53	\$45.58	\$3.80	2026		
2027	1,024,656	56,638	223,588	26,638	1,402,309	1.04	0.06	0.03	1.35	\$44.09	\$3.67	2027		
2028	1,054,646	54,538	215,838	25,638	1,356,509	1.02	0.05	0.02	1.31	\$41.75	\$3.48	2028		
2029	1,028,140	52,638	208,088	24,638	1,319,503	0.99	0.05	0.02	1.27	\$40.30	\$3.36	2029		
2030	1,004,946	50,638	200,338	23,638	1,285,809	0.97	0.05	0.02	1.24	\$38.85	\$3.24	2030		
2031	981,521	48,638	192,588	22,638	1,251,884	0.94	0.05	0.02	1.20	\$37.41	\$3.12	2031		
2032	731,956	46,638	184,838	21,638	991,835	0.70	0.05	0.02	0.95	\$35.96	\$3.00	2032		
2033	631,713	42,438	187,088	19,188	880,275	0.61	0.04	0.02	0.85	\$35.09	\$2.92	2033		
2034	512,950	41,338	189,288	17,728	855,363	0.59	0.04	0.02	0.82	\$34.22	\$2.85	2034		
2035	599,300	40,488	180,188	17,438	837,613	0.58	0.04	0.02	0.81	\$33.55	\$2.80	2035		
2036	585,650	39,938	177,088	17,138	819,963	0.56	0.04	0.02	0.79	\$33.07	\$2.76	2036		
2037	386,550	39,238	173,988	16,838	616,663	0.37	0.04	0.02	0.59	\$32.49	\$2.71	2037		
2038	378,000	38,838	170,888	16,538	604,013	0.38	0.04	0.02	0.58	\$31.91	\$2.66	2038		
2039	371,488	37,438	167,788	16,238	590,913	0.35	0.04	0.02	0.57	\$31.33	\$2.61	2039		
2040	364,888	36,438	164,688	15,938	217,813	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.21	\$30.75	\$2.56	2040		
2041	357,288	35,438	161,588	15,638	215,713	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.21	\$30.17	\$2.51	2041		
2042	350,688	35,724	158,488	15,338	209,613	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.20	\$29.59	\$2.46	2042		
		\$ 966,036	\$ 405,606	\$ 415,881	\$22,133,590									





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