

Frank Feeley Field Park Improvements Phase II Questions:

1. Has the Conservation Office been contacted regarding this proposal? If not, please reach out to them.

Park & Recreation has contacted them Conservation to give them a heads up on the current time table for phase I. I let them know about phase II so they may provide their thoughts on Phase II. If the project is approved Warren Larson will work with ConComm.

2. The project cost seems very high.

Budgetary cost estimate has been provided with breakdown of anticipated costs. We can have a meeting to review further. The scope has not changed but the overall costs have and we added additional contingences monies.

3. Will a Stormwater Management Permit be required for this project through the Planning Board?

An NOI is assumed and will be submitted to the ConComm as there are wetlands and potential riverfront areas in the Limit of Work (an informal meeting with ConComm to determine if NOI or an RDA will be required). I am unfamiliar with the requirements of the Planning Board.

4. What is the linkage of this project to Phase I? Are there already some sunk costs for this project from Phase I?

Field #2 is currently not accessible. PH-1 brings accessibility to field #1. The risk is not providing equal access to #2. The improvement for PH-1 don't have impact on PH-2.

5. The cost estimate is up approximately \$250,000 from last year, is this due to inflation or a new design?

Inflation has increased costs across the board. This design is more detailed than the previous budgetary est. Previous CE for PH-2 was \$645k (Oct. 2020) didn't include any contingency or soft costs. Current CE is \$598k (without contingency, OH&P or soft costs).

6. Please provide more detailed cost estimates.

Already provided.

7. If the project does not move forward, what does this mean for the user groups?

Field #1 and upper Feeley will be accessible, Field #2 will not be accessible. #1 and upper fields will have improved dugouts. Field #2 remains as-is. Current drainage issues remain. The risk of not moving forward with Phase II will not allow Fields #1 & #2 to be playable most of the Spring/Fall season for our softball folks.

8. Please provide a progress report on Phase I?

The Town has the drawings and specs needed for bidding for PH-1. WL will need an approved proposal for PH-2 design to begin. I have also provided a end of the year report as well.

9. The test pits indicate hydric soils were found.

a. Is there drainage capacity on the site for this project?

The sand-slit drainage system allows water to drain out of the root-zone profile. This excess water will be released to the wetlands (current topography drains to the wetland eventually). The proposed design doesn't rely on infiltration.

b. Can these hydric soils be disturbed?

Proposed work will be out of the wetland flag line. Drainage improvement depth will likely stay above these soils.

c. How will this impact the size of this area on the field?

No changes to the field size. Due to the wetlands in the far outfield we are not proposing to alter existing grades. The proposed drainage system allows excess water to drain out of the soil profile alleviating the soggy conditions that prevent use early in the season and after rain events (increases the playing time these fields can support).