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HASKELL (SMILE)
PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

Community Preservation Committee
Application – FY2027

ORIGINAL ARTICLE - A21/29 (\$285,000)

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

- Replace wood chips with Pour-in-Place (PIP) for full accessibility
- Replace aging PIP surface (cracks, root intrusion, safety hazards)
- Remove problematic trees
- Inspect and address unsafe equipment
- Install shade structure (this was not done)

ORIGINAL PROJECTED COST VS. ACTUAL COST

Description	Original	Actual	Difference
PIP and Wood Chips	\$190,665	\$226,200	\$35,535
Design Work	\$0	\$29,940	\$29,940
Topographic Survey	\$0	\$3,495	\$3,495
Tree Work	\$25,190	\$190	(\$25,000)
Other Cost, Bond, Advertisement, etc.	\$0	\$10,600	\$10,600
Shade and Equipment	\$30,631	\$0	(\$30,631)
Restore Lawns	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
Playground inspection and removal	\$1,103	\$9,198	\$8,095
Contingency	\$39,150	\$0	(\$39,150)
Total	\$286,739	\$287,623	\$884

ORIGINAL PROJECT DELAYS

- COVID impacts: staffing shortages and contractor availability
- Need for landscape architect (grading, inspections, bid documents)
- Fairbank Community Center project conflicts:
 - Summer camp relocation for two seasons
 - Playground and Haskell Field bathrooms/building required for camps
 - Parking and safety considerations
 - Summer programs generate majority of Recreation Dept. and Atkinson Pool funding
- Town staff turnover (DPW, Planning, etc.)

PROPOSED CPC APPLICATION PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Replace removed playground structure
- Install additional poured-in-place (PIP) surfacing
- Add shade structure and supplementary equipment
- Improve accessibility, safety, and community use

COMMUNITY BENEFITS SMILE PLAYGROUND

- Central gathering place for families.
- Children of all ages and abilities use this space to learn, play, and build community.
- Improvements ensure safe, inclusive play opportunities for everyone.
- This project protects and enhances a valued public asset for the long term

DESIGN OPTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION

- The original plan focused on achieving ADA-compliant accessible play.
- At a recent Recreation Commission meeting, there was clear consensus to explore a Universal Playground design, offering inclusive play for children of all abilities, including sensory, social, and physical accessibility needs.
- We are currently reviewing design concepts with vendors to determine what can fit effectively in the available space.

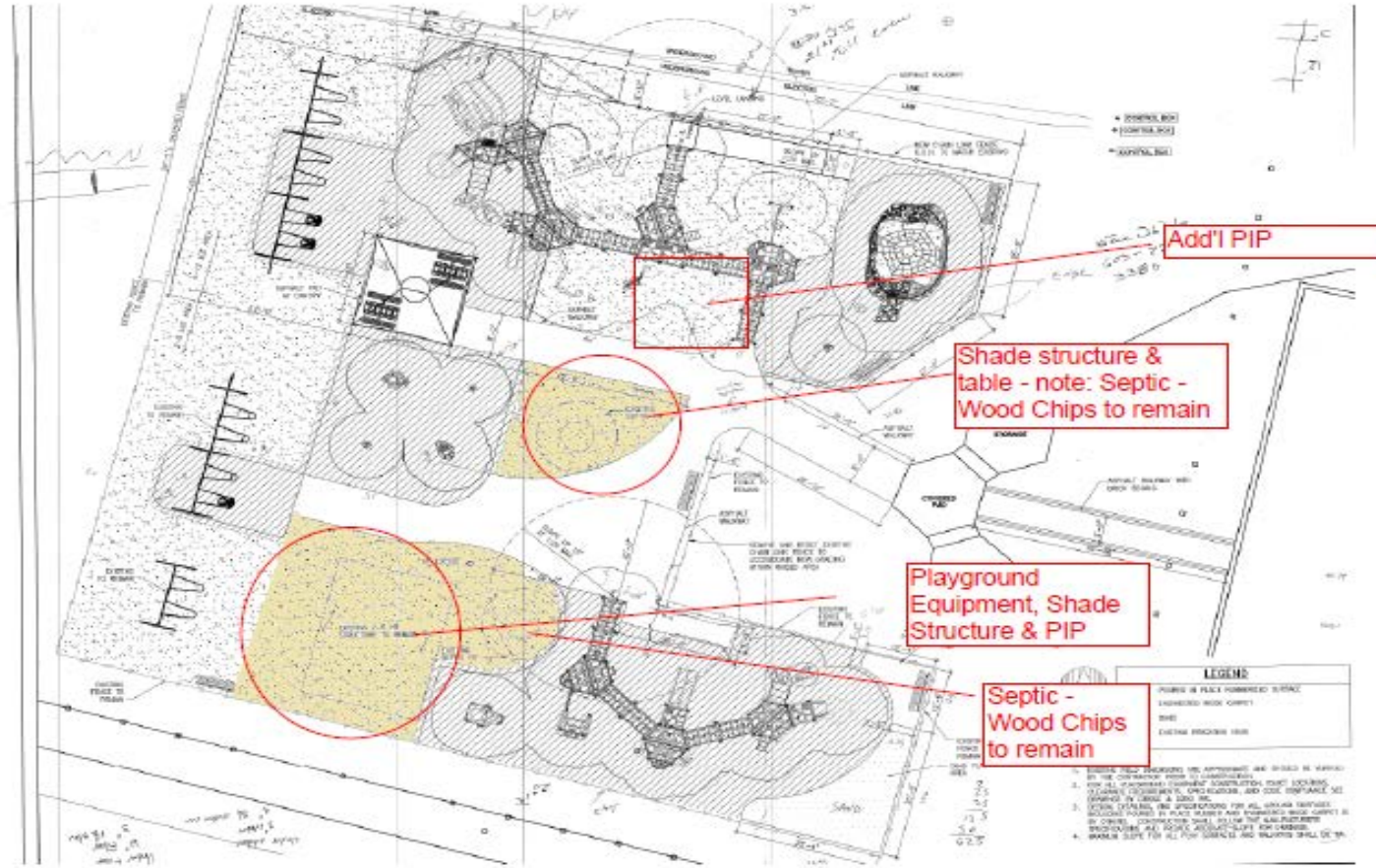
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- Any updated design will remain within the existing project funding scope.
- The play area has a limited footprint, so part of this work is determining whether a true universal layout can be accommodated effectively.
- Design review and cost confirmation are actively in progress.

FINAL DESIGN SELECTION

- Final design selection will be based on:
 - Fit within the current play area
 - Accessibility and inclusive play features
 - Recreation Commission and Community input
 - Confirmation of cost alignment within approved funding

Playground Layout



PLAYGROUND – ADA OPTION



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PLAYGROUND – UNIVERSAL OPTIONS



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PLAYGROUND PICTURES



COST SUMMARY

Description	Cost
Playground Equipment	\$115,965
Pour in Place (PIP)	\$40,500
Add'l PIP under large equipment (375 square ft)	\$17,000
Shade Structure	\$18,000
Installation Equipment, PIP and Site Work	\$73,000
Replacement of Trees & Barrier	\$15,000
Bond & Insurance	\$8,000
Escalator 2026 Project	\$14,052
Contingency Cost (12%)	\$36,183
Total Playground Cost	\$337,700

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Ensures safe, inclusive play for all ages and abilities
- Fully ADA compliant playground
- Reduces long-term maintenance and liability
- Preserves and enhances a highly valued Town asset

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

- Town Meeting Approval – May 2025
- Procurement via State Contract – June 2026
- Construction Start: Summer 2026
- Completion: Summer/Fall 2026