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CPA Application for Funding Patton Park Basketball Systems

1. Project Description: Please give a detailed project description, including specific objectives.

This project includes the installation of two new basketball systems (pole, backboard, and rim) at the outdoor basketball courts at Patton Park. The project will also include the removal and disposal of the current basketball systems at the Park. The current equipment at the facility has reached the end of its useful life; the poles are heavily leaning forward causing the basketball nets to not meet the standards for play. The new system would have a different design allowing for a better experience for the players which would meet the regulatory standards of play. The basketball courts are heavily utilized, and this project would provide everyone who uses the courts with a safer and better experience at the courts.

2. Goals: How does this project accomplish the goals of the CPA? (See Guidelines for Project Submission for general criteria)

GENERAL CRITERIA

- a. Is the project consistent with the Recreation Master plan

At the time the Recreation Master Plan was completed (2012) the basketball hoops were not identified as need. However, I am confident that is the Master Plan was updated, given the current condition of the basketball systems, that they would be identified as needing to be replaced. The considerable leaning, overall wear and tear, and not meeting standards for play, in my opinion would contribute to any updated master plan identifying the replacement as a need.

- b. Endorsements from Boards and Committees

This funding request is fully supported by the Hamilton Wenham Recreation Board. The project has also received support from the Hamilton Wenham Youth Basketball Association, who have expressed their willingness to provide an additional funding source

- c. Practicality/feasibility

If funding for this project is approved the work would start at the early stages of the spring in order for the new systems to be ready for play when the weather starts to change. We would make certain we were using a contractor who is familiar with installing the new equipment

- d. Additional funding

The Hamilton Wenham Youth Basketball Association has tentatively agreed to help with funding a portion of the project. The total amount will not be known until it is voted upon at the HWYBB Board Meeting.

e. Cost to Benefit Ratio

The outdoor basketball courts at Patton Park are very busy throughout the Spring/Summer/Fall. For a relatively low cost, it would provide a large benefit to the users. Our Department has also been in talks with the Hamilton Wenham Youth Basketball Association on ways to collaborate to offer additional summer programming at the outdoor courts.

f. Conserve resources

The outdoor basketball courts are a wonderful resource that adds to the great atmosphere that already exists at Patton Park. The basketball courts are free to use and can be played on until the lights shut off at night at 10pm.

Recreation

a. Master Plan

Please see section "a." Under General Criteria

b. Resident Demand

As previously noted the basketball courts are heavily used, by people of all ages and abilities. The Patton Park Summer Park program utilizes the courts as part of its schedule of activities and the court sees constant activity thereafter.

c. Underserved population

Though the majority of users are grade schoolers, teenagers and adults the court can provide activity for community members of all ages and abilities. Its presents a great location which is very accessible to folks who do not or are not enough to drive.

d. Availability of facilities

Although the project does not increase the availability of facilities for active recreation it certainly will enhance and preserve what is currently there.

3. Timeline: What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical milestones? Will this be a multi-year project?

If approved at Town Meeting install would occur in the early spring

4. Budget: Please provide a full budget including the following information, as applicable. (NOTE: CPA funds may not be used for maintenance):

a. Total amount of the project cost, with itemization of major components.

Although we are still unsure of the exact cost of both the purchase of the equipment and install, we are expecting the cost to be approximately \$10,000. Since the project would not begin until the spring of 2019, installation costs could fluctuate so it is difficult to have an exact cost for the entire project.

c. Additional funding sources. Please include those that are available, committed, or under consideration.

As previously mentioned the Hamilton Wenham Youth Basketball Association has indicated they would be willing to support this project with additional funding. The amount is TBD as it will need to be voted on by their board at an upcoming meeting.

c. Describe the basis for your budget and the sources of information you Used.

We solicited quotes for the equipment from two sales reps who work for companies on the State Bid List.

5. Support: Have the appropriate Town Boards and Commissions expressed support and/or approved the project? What is the nature and level of community support for this project?

As referenced earlier the Hamilton Wenham Recreation Committee unanimously supports this application. We also feel that this project has strong community support as well as the support from the Hamilton Wenham Youth Basketball Association.