

Appendix A – CPA Preliminary Proposal

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1-A Applicant Information

Last Name:

Barry

First Name:

Donald

Organization(s)(as appropriate)

Groton Dunstable Youth Softball League

1-B Regional Project? YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES, Town/Organization:

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Submission Date:

10/15/2025

3 Applicant Address

Street:

PO Box 742

City:

Groton

State:

MA

Zip:

01450

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5 CPA Purpose (Check all that apply)

Affordable Housing: ☐

Community Housing: ☐

Historic Preservation: ☐

Open Space: ☐

Recreation: ☒

As per MA General Law Chapter 44B, proposed historic projects that are not on the structures listed on the state's Registry of Historic Places require a determination by the Groton Historic Commission that the proposed project is of historic significance.

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Project Address/Property Owner's Name:

Cutler Field, 131 Townsend Rd Groton

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Project Name:

Cutler Softball Field Establishment

8 Community Preservation Plan Objectives – Use codes from SECTION 5 to indicate all that apply

Open Space and Recreation Projects

In FY24, a CPC funded project was approved to complete the construction of two new softball fields at Cutler Park. The funding provided for the installation of the two playing surfaces and for two backstops. Full use of these fields by youth softball cannot be realized until some critical additions are made to the complex. These additions will ensure safety of the playing fields, ongoing maintenance of the fields by the GDYSL volunteers, and meet the standards of appropriate playing fields by our governing body, USA Softball.

The left field side of Field #1 (closest to the parking lot) is short and does not meet the regulation size for a softball fields. GDYSL would like to remove the brush and some trees to push the field to 200' from home plate. This will also require some earth removal and grading so that the outfield will be flat. Sodding and seeding of new grass is also expected for the area to be cleared.

The two fields currently lack adequate fencing for proper field of play and for player and spectator safety. Approximate 900' of fencing for each field is needed to outline the playing fields and to provide a safe barrier. Additionally, fence safety cap is needed to run the length of the entire fencing along the field of play. We would also like to replace the approximately 150' of fencing that separates the field from the parking lot. The existing fencing is damaged beyond repair. We would also like to install a safety net to prevent foul balls from reaching the playground. GDYSL would also like to install dugout roofs for each of the four new dugouts that will be outlines with the new fencing. This is in order to protect the players from foul balls and to provide needed shelter during extreme heat and rain. We plan to request the dugout overheads project from Nashoba Tech to save cost.

In order to properly maintain the playing surfaces and to protect the investment made by the Town of Groton, an infield groomer is critically needed. An infield groomer is an industrial piece of equipment that is expected to last 20-30 years. GDYSL volunteers will maintain the service of the groomer and groom the fields regularly.

There are two utility requests that GDYSL would like to make. GDYSL would like to have an irrigation spigot installed at each of the two fields. This is necessary to spray down the field prior to grooming during dry periods. We would also like to have an electrical outlet installed behind each backstop in order to connect a pitching machine.

Our league estimates that the fencing, fence cap, and barrier netting to be approximately \$102,000. The estimates for the groomer and needed tools and accessories to be \$40,000. The dugout overheads estimates are \$40,000. The remaining utility and field work is estimated at \$10,000. The total estimate for the project is \$192,000.

Initial Estimated CPA Cost

\$ 192,000

10 Signature

Applicant Signature: 	Date: 10/15/2025
Co-Applicant Signature:	Date:
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