

Appendix A – CPA Preliminary Proposal

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1-A Applicant Information

Last Name: Foley	First Name: Rob
Organization(s)(as appropriate) Groton-Dunstable Youth Baseball League	

1-B Regional Project? YES NO

If YES, Town/Organization:

2 Submission Date: October 23, 2024

3 Applicant Address

Street: 12 Crystal Springs Ln	City: Groton	State: MA	Zip: 01450
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5 CPA Purpose (Check all that apply)

Affordable Housing: <input type="checkbox"/>	Community Housing: <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Preservation: <input type="checkbox"/>
Open Space: <input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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.

6 Project Address/Property Owner's Name: Baseball fields, 319 Cow Pond Brook Ln, Groton

7 Project Name: GDYBL Batting Cages Remodel, Backstop Netting

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

5.3 Open Space and Recreation Projects

9 Proposal Basic Description

There are four (4) batting cages at Cow Pond baseball fields, grouped as 2 sets of 2 conjoined. The batting cages are used to practice batting before games and at practices, as well as during occasionally run clinics. One set is located in between fields #1 and #4, and the other set is located to the left of Field #3. Each set of 2 batting cages is approximately 1680 sq. ft.; one is therefore approximately 840 sq. ft. (approx 60' X 14'). The cages are rectangular and made of galvanized aluminum chain link fence, with sides, ends, roof/top, and 1 side door for each cage (4). Weather resistant netting hangs from the tops of each cage to deflect hit balls (for safety). The ground surface of each is dirt/grass, some with a small synthetic patch of material at one end with a Home Plate for the batter, and some synthetic turf in between each set of conjoined cages.

Their galvanized aluminum fencing material is in very good shape and does not need to be replaced or repaired. But the ground surfaces have outlived their useful life. The synthetic material has disintegrated, the grass has worn away, the dirt/soil has become worn with large lumps and gulleys. After it rains there are large puddles of mud that make it difficult to pitch or bat. And because the cages have natural grass, weeds are a constant around the perimeter and in between the cages. Weed trimming is difficult because chain link breaks the lines of line trimmers. The poor conditions of the batting cages sometimes deter the use of them.

GD Youth Baseball would like to remodel the base of each of the 4 batting cages, replacing the natural grass and dirt with base layers covered by a synthetic turf, thereby eliminating the need for weed trimming / maintenance. This would entail:

- Excavating and removing dirt/grass to compactible subsoil (estimated 6-8"); removed sod/soil would be disposed in town compost pile at no cost (pricing below does not include private disposal)
- Leveling the area with compacted graded base
- Install standard grade outdoor rated synthetic turf rolls. Approx. 1680 sq. ft.
- Install of (1) Home Plate in each batting cage
- Installing new netting in the top of each batting cage

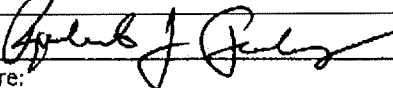
Our league received an estimate in Summer 2024 indicating it would cost approximately \$16,900.00 per set of 2 batting cages, or a total cost of \$33,600 for the 4, but we don't have anywhere near that kind of budget.

In addition, we would like to add netting to the top of each backstop (4). Foul balls currently fly over and behind the backstops because the tops are currently open. We lose a lot of foul balls this way. Our estimate for this is \$4,000.00 per backstop for a total of \$16,000.00.

The total estimated cost for this entire project including materials and labor is approximately \$49,600.00.

Initial Estimated CPA Cost \$49,600.00

10 Signature

Applicant Signature: 	Date: 10/23/2024
Co-Applicant Signature:	Date:
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