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Dear Kay and Historical Commission members,

I am writing to update you on the Loker Grass Field Project. About a year ago, the Recreation Commission sent the attached letter which is largely still relevant.

As you may know, in October 2021 the Town's voters approved:

- 1) a moratorium on synthetic turf fields and
- 2) funds to design a grass field at the Loker Recreation Area.

Subsequently, the Loker Field project design was revised to include natural grass and an irrigation system in place of synthetic turf and its supporting drainage. There are no substantial revisions to other aspects of the project as the 63 space parking lot, planting plans, sports lighting plan (and overall site plans) remain exactly the same as the previously reviewed and approved plans. The design team continued to work around the avoidance areas previously identified by the WHC during the revision process and is committed to protecting those areas.

If approved at the upcoming 2022 Annual Town Meeting, the Loker field project shall be built substantially in accordance with Final Site Plan approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals (July 2021) and the Conservation Commission (March 2022), with a change to the proposed playing surfaces and an added irrigation system. The irrigation system is planned to utilize the existing water service lines that served Dow Chemical.

As promised, I am again providing a copy of the bid specifications for your review which should satisfy the WHC's request for monitoring in the two areas, and re-confirm that the project intends to comply with your requests in relation to the limit of work, the project fencing, signage, and monitoring. The bid documents will be posted publicly until bids are opened on May 12, 2022.

<https://www.wayland.ma.us/procurement-office/bids/improvements-loker-conservation-and-recreation-area-0>

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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