

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS:

APPROPRIATION and TRANSFER ORDER - FY22 – 05C

An Order Appropriating Funds for the Town of Amherst Capital Program –Supplemental Dog Park appropriation (*majority vote*)

More background information is included on page 2 of this order.

BE IT ORDERED by the Town Council of the Town of Amherst that:

The Town appropriate the **sum total \$75,000, for** Capital Improvements to the Dog Park, and to meet such appropriation, transfer \$75,000 from Free Cash in the Undesignated Fund Balance of the General Fund as follow;

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above Order was adopted by a vote of 12 for, 1 against and --- present on November 22, 2021



Athena O’Keeffe, Town Council Clerk


j Lynn Griesemer (Nov 29, 2021 09:41 EST)

J. Lynn Griesemer, Council President



To: Town Council
Fr: David Ziomek, Assistant Town Manager
Dt: November 19, 2021
Re: Amherst Capital Program – **Council Order 22-05C**- Supplemental Dog Park Appropriation

Recommendation:

The Town Council is asked to appropriate \$75,000 for Capital Improvements to the Dog Park, and to meet such appropriation transfer \$75,000 from Free Cash to the Undesignated Fund Balance of the General Fund.

Background:

Residents of Amherst have been advocating for an off-leash dog park for more than 10 years. In 2017 the Town Manager created the Dog Park Task Force with a broad charge that included seeking funding, identifying a site and creating a design for the park. Working with staff the group identified the south landfill as the best location for this recreation facility. Since then the Task Force has succeeded in getting a large grant from the Stanton Foundation, sought funding through the CPA and raised significant private funds towards construction and park amenities.

Construction of the park has been ongoing and is now nearing the final stages. Unfortunately, due to complications caused by above normal rainfall and the complexity of the site the project budget is not sufficient to complete the park. Two required change orders have resulted in significant unanticipated project costs that were necessary to protect the landfill cap and keep the project moving forward. These project changes were made in consultation with the Town Engineer, our contractor and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Throughout the project our goal has been to build the best park possible while safeguarding the landfill cap which must remain intact in perpetuity.

Original Contract Amount:	\$280,466
Change Orders:	\$ 68,000
Contingency:	<u>\$ 7,000</u>
Total:	\$355,466

Considerations:

With winter fast approaching it is imperative that we keep to the current project schedule and complete as much of the construction as possible before the end of December. The additional funding will allow us to proceed with a goal of opening the park in 2022.






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