

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT APPROPRIATIONS

**APPROPRIATION and BORROWING AUTHORIZATION ORDER FY23-08A
Town of Amherst Community Preservation Act**

An Order Appropriating and Authorizing Debt for the Rehabilitation of and Improvements to the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District’s High School Track and Field Facilities under Open Space/Recreation (2/3 vote required)

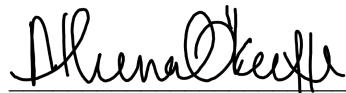
The Community Preservation Act Committee has recommended to Authorize Debt by vote of 8-0-0 for the Rehabilitation of and Improvements to the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District’s High School Track and Field Facilities, for which future Debt Service will be paid using Community Preservation Act funds; this order is contingent upon “Option 3,” as presented to the CPAC during it’s meeting of June 2, 2022, if other planned funding does not reach the “Option 3” target and the track cannot be reoriented, the borrowing of CPAC funds will be rescinded,

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


The sum of \$800,000 is appropriated under G.L. c. 44B (also known as the Community Preservation Act), to fund a grant for the purpose of supporting the rehabilitation of and improvements to the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District’s High School track and field facilities, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet such appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under G.L. c. 44B, §11, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into an intermunicipal agreement as permitted under G.L. c. 40, §4A, between the Town and the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District as may, in the opinion of bond counsel to the Town, be required in order to carry out the purposes of this Order

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 eleven (11) for, zero (0) against, - - - present, and two (2) absent on July 18, 2022.



Athena O’Keeffe, Town Council Clerk


Lynn Griesemer (Jul 26, 2022 12:43 EDT)

J. Lynn Griesemer, Council President

Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC) Special Report to the Town Council for FY2023

The Community Preservation Act Committee is pleased to present this report to the Town Council outlining a special borrowing article we are recommending for Fiscal Year 2023. The Committee has reviewed the revised High School Track proposal submitted by the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District this spring and offers its unanimous support (8-0 with one vacancy).

Background and Rationale

The Regional School District (RSD) submitted its original proposal for track replacement last fall. That application proposed to reconstruct the track in its current orientation. Because an earlier study of the High School fields and nearby Town-owned fields (not solely the track) envisioned reorienting the track to allow other improvements, the Committee was unwilling to approve the project at that time and requested additional information. The RSD then designed funding programs for two options (one that reorients the track and one that does not), and its plan was approved by the Regional School Committee with a funding deadline of January 2023. With the authorization of Town Council, the Town has already provided for a borrowing of \$1.5 million, which the Committee was told would be adequate (that is, without more CPAC funds) to rebuild the track in its current orientation. The borrowing article that we are recommending is specifically for the option that reorients the track and makes other improvements to the recreational facilities. If sufficient funds for that project are not secured, CPAC funds will not be used.

The proposal to reorient and reconstruct the track and associated fields and event spaces meets CPAC goals for projects that are broadly supported across the community, Town departments, and the public, addresses documented needs for recreation. Please note that CPA monies cannot be used for artificial turf fields or most permanent structures such as bleachers.

Project Details- Recreation

Amherst-Pelham Regional School District: Track replacement “Option 3,” as presented to CPAC during its meeting of June 2, 2022 - borrowing authorization of \$800,000. If other planned funding does not reach the Option 3 target and the track cannot be reoriented, the borrowing of CPAC funds will be rescinded.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Marshall, chair, Recreation Commission representative

Sam MacLeod, vice-chair, representative at large

Sarah Eisinger, representative at large

Andrew MacDougall, Planning Board representative

Tim Neale, representative at large

Hetty Startup, Historical Commission representative

David Williams, Housing Authority representative

Katie Allan Zobel, representative at large







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