

**Community Preservation Act Committee- Proposal Request Form for FY 2018**

**Project Title:** Replacement of Pool Filter System and Pumps at Mill River  
**Recreation Area** \_\_\_\_\_

**CPA funding category:** Check all that apply

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

**Amount of CPA Funds Requested:**

\$ 100,000.00

**Submitting Entity:** Town of Amherst, Department of Public Works and Amherst Leisure Services Department

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**Please complete this form in its entirety and include the following in your proposal.**

**Overview of Proposal: Please describe your project and your feasibility analysis.**

The project involves the replacement of the filter system, pumps and associated plumbing at the pool and wading pool at the Mill River Recreation Area. This equipment is original from the early 1970's and is failing (at least one sand filter has already failed). This equipment is outside the pool and will not impact the pool or deck.

**Describe how your request meets the CPA criteria:**

**1. Description of funding needed, including:**

- a. Documentation of cost estimates, budget**
- b. Other sources of funding, e.g., grants, self-funding, fund-raising**
- c. Timeline on how CPA funds would be spent, including over multiple years**

Cost estimates were developed from discussion with vendors and from the project costs of replacing similar equipment at War Memorial Pool a few years ago. The project would replace the existing equipment inside the pool house.

The project would begin after the pool closes in 2017 and would be completed by summer 2018.

## **2. Urgency of the Project, if any.**

The Mill River Recreation Area was constructed in 1974 with funding from the Town of Amherst and a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This 12 acre site, located in north Amherst directly off of Route 63, is adjacent to the Mill River Conservation Area. A widely popular recreation destination, it has served thousands of visitors of all age groups throughout Town and the region since the opening 34 years ago. The park's central feature includes a swimming pool and wading pool which provides open swim, lap swim and swimming lessons throughout the summer. Additional features include basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball fields, a playground, picnic pavilion and picnic areas.

The pool system is original and is failing. There are three sand filters of which one has failed. The remaining two are at a point where failure is imminent. The pumps and plumbing are also original and need constant maintenance to remain operational.

## **3. Estimated timeline from receipt of funds to Project completion.**

The project would be completed when the pools are closed between the 2017 and 2018 seasons.

## **4. Acquisition or preservation of threatened resources.**

Given the age of the equipment and costs associated with maintenance and repairs, the Town's ability to keep Mill River pools (swimming pool and wading pool) open next season is threatened.

During the summer the pools are a major attraction used by youth programs and camps, families, visitors and for swimming lessons.

## **5. Population(s) to be served by the Project.**

There have been over 4,000 daily admissions to the pool in each of the recent seasons. Users range from individual families to programs to swim lessons. The pool is open to extended hours during the summer and is used by many.

## **6. How will the CPA investment in your property, facility or project be maintained over time?**

The Town's Department of Public Works and the LSSE Department will oversee the construction and maintenance of the facility.

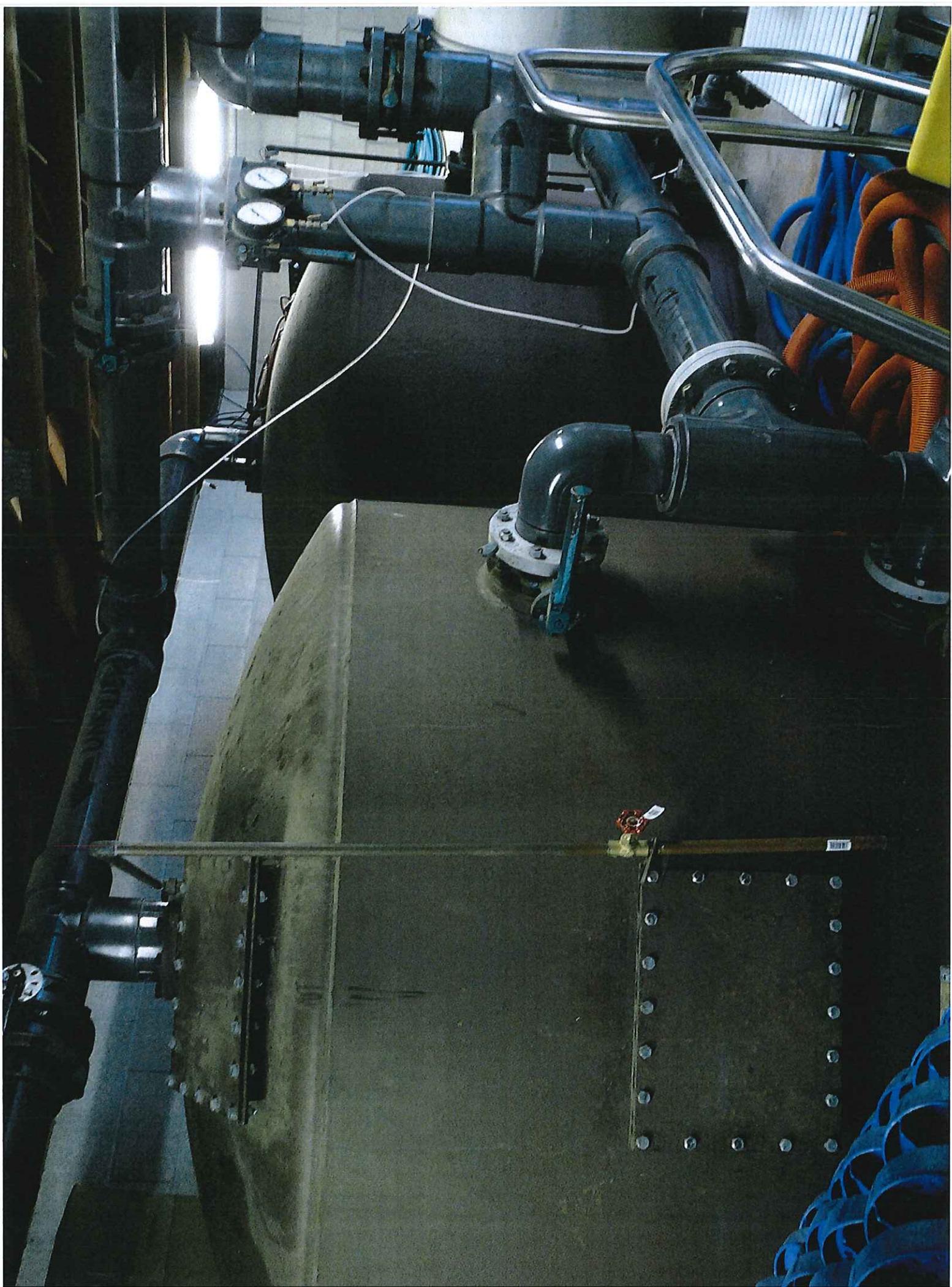
## **7. Which relevant Town committees and/or commissions are you working with?**

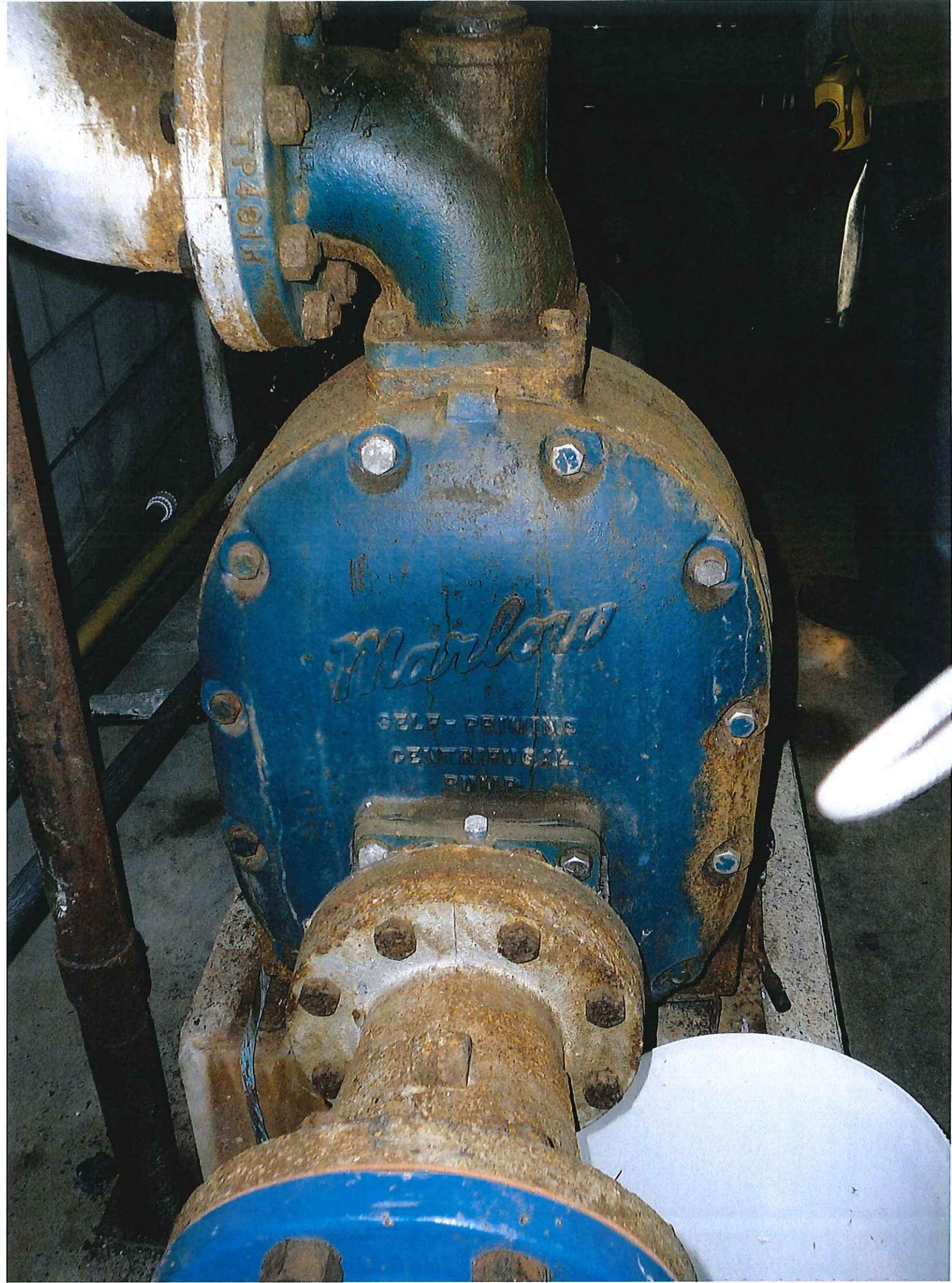
The project will be reviewed by the LSSE Commission.

### **8. Other information regarding the Project deemed necessary for CPAC**

The improvements to the pool filter and pump system is part of an ongoing effort to modernize the Mill River Recreation Area that was built in the early 1970's. In recent years the Town has resurfaced the tennis courts and replaced the perimeter fencing, improved the pool area, and resurfaced the trails that connect to Puffer's Pond. Currently, the two baseball fields are being updated. This work has been funded by CPA and leveraged by state and local grants, as well as volunteer labor.

The Town is committed to maintaining the Mill River Recreation Area for the community and for visitors, and upgrading the basketball courts is part of this effort.





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