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**City of Fitchburg  
Massachusetts 01420**

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**Finance Committee**

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held over the Zoom platform and live streamed at FATV Studios on Tuesday, May 11, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman DiNatale at 6:01 PM.

Committee Members present: Councilors Paul Beauchemin, Marcus DiNatale, Thomas Hughes, Elizabeth Walsh, and Anthony Zarrella.

Committee Members absent: None.

The chairman opened the meeting for public comment. No one had registered to speak.

084-21      **ORDER:**      that the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division grant in the approximate amount of \$5,193.00 (FIVE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is repair the S2 Security System located at the Airport Administration Building.

Discussion: Airport Manager was present. The chairman read a letter from Mr. Kettle dated March 15, 2021.

Action: Motion to approve made by Councilor Beauchemin and second by Councilor Walsh. Approved by unanimous consent of members present.

085-21      **ORDER:**      that the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts, Environmental Preservation and Animal Welfare grant in the approximate amount of \$9,000.00 (NINE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to complete trail maintenance and parking lot expansions at Coggshall Park.

Discussion: Recreation Director Nate LaRose and Public Works Commissioner Nicolas Bosonetto were present. The chairman read a letter from Mr. LaRose dated April 28, 2021.

Councilors asked which parking lot was being expanded. Mr. LaRose replied that the grant will help support the current parking lot project at Coggshall Park and parking in the city's watershed property in north Fitchburg. The parking lot at Coggshall Park has been closed recently while work is being done, since the whole lot is needed for space.

Action: Motion to approve made by Councilor Zarrella and second by Councilor Walsh.  
Approved by unanimous consent of members present.

086-21           ORDER:           that there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FORTY THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,500.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to PARKS CAPITAL, PARKS & PALYGROUND CAPITAL EXPENSE for the renovation of Billie Mundie Field.

Discussion: Mr. LaRose and Mr. Bosonetto were present. The chairman read a letter from Mr. LaRose dated April 13, 2021.

Councilors had several questions about the project. Mr. LaRose stated that the project will include repairing both sections of damaged fence and raising the ground to meet the bottom of the fence. The stump is on a stump removal list that the Highway Division has. Mr. LaRose has had discussions with the Highway Division about clearing the growth beyond the fence to open the space, although that is limited by the terrain. The concessions belong to the leagues, so Mr. LaRose is trying to work with the volunteers to address the graffiti issues. He is working on upgrades and improved visibility to make the park more friendly and used, which will deter vandalism and graffiti and trash.

Action: Motion to approve made by Councilor Walsh and second by Councilor Beauchemin.  
Approved by unanimous consent of members present.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Zarrella second by Councilor Beauchemin. Approved by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Calvin D. Brooks, Clerk



## **FITCHBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

March 15, 2021.

Dear Mayor DiNatale,

We respectfully request that the City accepts a Grant from the **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division**, in the amount of **\$5,193.00** and allow expenditure of said funds from the Grant towards the repair of the S2 Security System which is located at the Fitchburg Municipal Airport - Admin Building.

Attached:- please see a copy of the Award Notification from MassDOT, together with the New Era Technology quotation for the repair of same.

The airport and surroundings suffered a lightning strike in August of 2020 that resulted in the destruction of the S2 Security Box, therefore preventing the opening and closing of the Main Gate 11 to the Airport, together with the Electronic Security controls of the doors at the new Admin Building, as well as the history of the information of the people located at the airport that have access to the airport through said security gates.

The Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transport Aeronautics Division covers the work in it's entirety as a 100% Grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peter E. Kettle

Interim Airport Manager

Fitchburg Municipal Airport

Cc Calvin D. Brooks.



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Recreation Director

April 28, 2021

Honorable Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale  
City Hall  
718 Main Street  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

RE: Environmental Preservation and Animal Welfare Grant – Coggs Hall Park and Northern Watershed Trail Maintenance and Access Project

Dear Mayor DiNatale,

The Board of Park Commissioners and the Department of Public Works have received a grant in the amount of \$9,000 to complete trail maintenance and parking lot expansions at Coggs Hall Park and the Northern Watershed land which includes the funding for re-blazing and trail work at Coggs Hall Park and the Northern Watershed and the potential construction of additional parking at the Northern Watershed.

I request your, and that of the City Councils, approval of the expenditure of funds from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts' Environmental Preservation and Animal Welfare Grant (EPAW) in the amount of \$9,000. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan LaRose".

Nathan LaRose  
Recreation Director

Cc: Nicholas Bosonetto, Commissioner of Public Works  
John Deline, Deputy Commissioner of Water Supply  
Calvin Brooks, City Auditor



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## Recreation Division

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale  
**Cc:** Calvin Brooks, City Auditor  
Patrick Hare, Chief of Staff  
Nicolas Bosonetto, Commissioner of Public Works  
**From:** Nathan LaRose, Recreation Director *Nathan LaRose*  
**Date:** April 13, 2021  
**Subject:** Billie Mundie Field Renovations

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The Recreation Division is requesting a one-time appropriation of \$40,500 from available funds for use for needed renovations to Billie Mundie Field at Parkhill Park. Billie Mundie Field is the primary field used for Babe Ruth League youth baseball operated locally by the Fitchburg Youth Baseball Association (FYBA). The FYBA is a parent run, volunteer led organization which services Fitchburg Youth playing in T-Ball, Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Leagues. Billie Mundie Field services kids ages 13-18 from FYBA and serves as a practice field for Memorial Middle School. The field also serves as the home field for the FYBA travel teams and hosts guests from throughout the region.

The Billie Mundie Field Renovation Project will include repairs to damaged sections of the infield fencing, regrading of field along the outfield to bring back to level, hydroseeding of the regraded area, fertilization of the outfield, installation of new foul line markers, installation of new clay infield mix, supplies for the renovation of the interior of the concession stand, and supplies for repairs and replacements to the ballfield lighting system.

This extensive maintenance work will help provide community youth a safe, functional ballfield which they can be proud to call home and host regular visitors.

Should you have any questions or wish to visit Billie Mundie Field, please feel free to contact me.