

**TOWN OF EXETER  
SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM**

TO: Russ Dean, Town Manager  
CC: David Tovey, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation  
FROM: Greg Bisson, Director of Parks and Recreation  
RE: Park Improvement Fund Request-Playground Surfacing  
DATE: 03/28/2022

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Exeter Parks and Recreation requests approval for the following projects to come from the Park Improvement Fund.

**Playground Chips:** The final step in finishing the Park Street Common playground is playground surfacing. We must first apply certified playground chips to the entire playground. This surfacing is the most cost-effective form of required cushioning. We use locally sourced chips from PR Russell as a vendor. They are the least expensive manufacturer of playground chips in New England and often supply other vendors with their chips. Lowest Estimate. Cost: \$4,000, PR Russell.

**ADA Surfacing - Park Street Common Playground:** The Parks and Recreation Department believes making Park Street Common playground accessible to all is a priority. Due to the size of the playground, the cost potential is high for traditional poured-in-place surfacing. Through US Playground Surfacing, we found a less expensive alternative. The proposed mat system is 1/3rd the cost of a poured-in-place surfacing that has been used in other accessible playgrounds. It was developed by US Playground Surfacing to meet the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board. This solution could be added to our other playgrounds as well. . Sole Source Vendor, unique product. Cost: \$12,755, US Playground Surfacing. Installation included.

**Motion:**

**To make a motion to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to expend \$16,755 from the Parks Improvement Capital Reserve Fund to complete the following projects: Purchase of playground chips from PR Russell and ADA surfacing from US Playground Surfacing.**

Respectfully yours,  
Greg Bisson  
Director of Parks and Recreation