

Park Improvement Projects



EXETER PARKS & RECREATION

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TOWN OF EXETER MEMORANDUM

TO: Melissa Roy, Assistant Town Manager
FROM: Greg Bisson, Director of Park and Recreation
David Tovey, Assistant Director
Corey Stevens, Finance Director
RE: Park Improvement
DATE: 08/18/2025

Proposed Park Improvement Projects:

Gilman Park infield replacement: \$14,750.00

Entails: Removal of the current infield mix down approach 8", replacement with native infield mix, edged, and ready for Spring 2025: Mission Turf is a certified athletic field installer. Mission Turf is based out of Exeter and provides multiple services to maintain quality athletic fields and has provided exceptional service to the Town of Exeter for several years. Mission Turf is the second-lowest bid out of 5 bids received. We feel the lowest bid did not provide enough detail for this job. This will be done this fall so that the field will be ready for the spring of 2026.

4 Estimates received: Recommended Vendor: Mission Turf, Exeter, NH

Estimates:

Mission Turf: \$14,750

Bateman Landscaping: \$10,700.

Day's Landscaping: \$17,500

Hey Jack Landscaping: \$16,500

Motion: To authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to utilize \$14,750 from the Parks Improvement Fund to renovate the baseball field infield at Gilman Park by Mission Turf.

Gilman excavation/resurfacing: \$12,840.00

Entails: When the basketball court was removed several years ago, a significant depression was created, resulting in flooding adjacent to the pavilion. Excavation will be carried out to level the area, thereby facilitating proper drainage. This area will be graded accordingly, and the extracted fill material will be used to fill another depression in the green space towards the cannons. This depression poses a serious tripping hazard and frequently retains substantial amounts of water. After both areas have been leveled, a new layer of topsoil will be applied, followed by hydroseeding to restore the turf. BWP Excavation completed work with the town, doing the Planet Playground Demo and regrading, as well as some work on the 10 Hampton Rd project. The other vendor did not submit a proposal as requested.

2 Estimates: Recommended Vendor: BWP Excavation, East Kingston, NH

Estimates:

BWP Excavation: \$12,840

Bateman Landscaping: \$9,800

Motion: To authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to utilize \$12,840 from the Parks Improvement Fund to regrade and improve drainage on the former site of the basketball court, and correct the large settlement by BWP Excavation.

Gilman Park, Guardrail Installation: \$7982

Entails: The regraded area above will be prepared to secure the location with a guardrail, analogous to the guardrail adjacent to the large greenspace. The guardrail is required to ensure safety for individuals in the pavilion and to prevent vehicles from entering the area. Additionally, three trees will be planted to provide future shade in the vicinity. AAA Fence has done work for multiple departments in town with outstanding results.

4 estimates, Recommended Vendor: AAA Fencing, Dover, NH

Guardrail Estimates:

AAA Fencing: \$7,982.00

Brentwood Fence: \$8,935.68

Atlantic Fence: \$8,099.00

Blue Ribbon Landscaping: \$14,000.00

Motion: To authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to utilize \$7,982 from the Parks Improvement Fund to install guardrails at Gilman Park by AAA Fence.

Gilman Park, Trees: \$1200

Entails: As previously mentioned, three (Maples) trees will be inserted into the layout, similar to the current configuration across the parking lot. We will work with our DPW staff on planting these trees. The town purchases its trees through Statham Circle Nursery.

Motion: To authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to utilize \$1,200 from the Parks Improvement Fund to purchase trees from Stratham Circle Nursery to complete the guardrail project at Gilman Park.

Dan R Healy Bathhouse: Phase 2 Restoration: Most can be done over the Fall/ winter.

Entails

A- Removal of cement partitions in women's and men's rooms by Parks Staff.

B- The removal of all counters and equipment from the concession stand is to be conducted by Parks staff in preparation for floor maintenance. The removal of these built-in cabinets will facilitate the department's compliance with Serve Safe standards within our concession facility.

C- Paint the interior walls to match the exterior. Internal Staff will patch any holes in concrete and cinder blocks after the demo to create a smooth surface for the paint. This will be done before the flooring is installed. **Five Estimates were submitted. Recommended Vendor: Primitive Painting, \$3200**

Painting Estimates:

Mac Painting and Finishing: \$8850

Wildness Painting: \$10,900

Certa Pro- \$9,849.36

Primitive Painting: \$3,200

Motion: To authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to utilize \$3,200 from the Parks Improvement Fund to paint the interior of the Daniel R Healy pool by Primitive Painting.

D- Purchase of new modern solid poly partitions to match new paint color- \$14,700. Parks Staff will install themselves. Entails: The Parks Staff will remove the concrete partitions, which will allow us to properly configure the locker room layout to include an ADA/Family Changing stall in each of the Men's and Women's rooms. Installation of the new partitions will happen during the winter months after the flooring and walls have been completed and all outdoor projects are stopped due to the weather. **Four Estimates submitted, Recommended Vendor: Parition Plus, \$14,700**

Partitions Estimates:

Fast Partition: 15,460

Partition Plus: 14,700

One Point Partitions: \$16,264

Partition King: \$16994

Motion: To authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to utilize \$14,700 from the Parks Improvement Fund for the purchase of bathroom partitions for the Dan Healy Pool from Partion King.

E- Grinding and applying new epoxy floor coating: \$9,683.00. The existing surface is deteriorating and presents significant challenges in maintaining cleanliness. The installation of the new epoxy will ensure a sanitary, slip-resistant surface. The Parks staff will adequately prepare the area for the contractor by removing the toilets to facilitate the comprehensive application of the coating throughout the space. The chosen color will align with the exterior color scheme, maintaining consistency throughout the building. **Four estimates have been obtained, with the lowest estimate being Epoxy Whiz. Recommended Vendor: Epoxy Whizz provides a five-year warranty, whereas the competing bids offer only two to three years for commercial surfaces. Cost: \$9,683.00**

Epoxy Estimates:

603 Epoxy: \$17,350

Epoxy Whiz: \$9,683.00

Mac Painting and Floors: \$19,000

Epoxy Pros: \$10,800

Motion: To authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to utilize \$9,683.00 from the Parks Improvement Fund contract with Epoxy Whiz to grind and epoxy the Dan Healy Pool house floor.

4 Hampton Rd Walkway Extension: \$24500

Entails: Connecting 4 Hampton Rd to 10 Hampton Rd constitutes a significant advancement toward establishing a continuous facility for public use. This project will extend the existing structure by 823 feet and increase its width by 8 feet. The width will be aligned with the newly designed walkway leading to Planet Playground, ensuring conformity with ADA accessibility requirements in both directions. The work is scheduled for completion in the fall and will not interfere with activities on either site. Three estimates were submitted; the recommended vendor is MWS Paving, located in Hampton, NH. MWS Paving, although submitting the second-lowest bid, is recommended due to their previous successful proposal for the 10 Hampton Rd project submitted to Hampshire Development Corp. Engaging a single contractor for both projects will facilitate a seamless surface and prevent any interference between the works.

Three Estimates:

All Phase Paving: \$37,890

MSW Paving: \$24,500

Cooper Paving: \$23,500

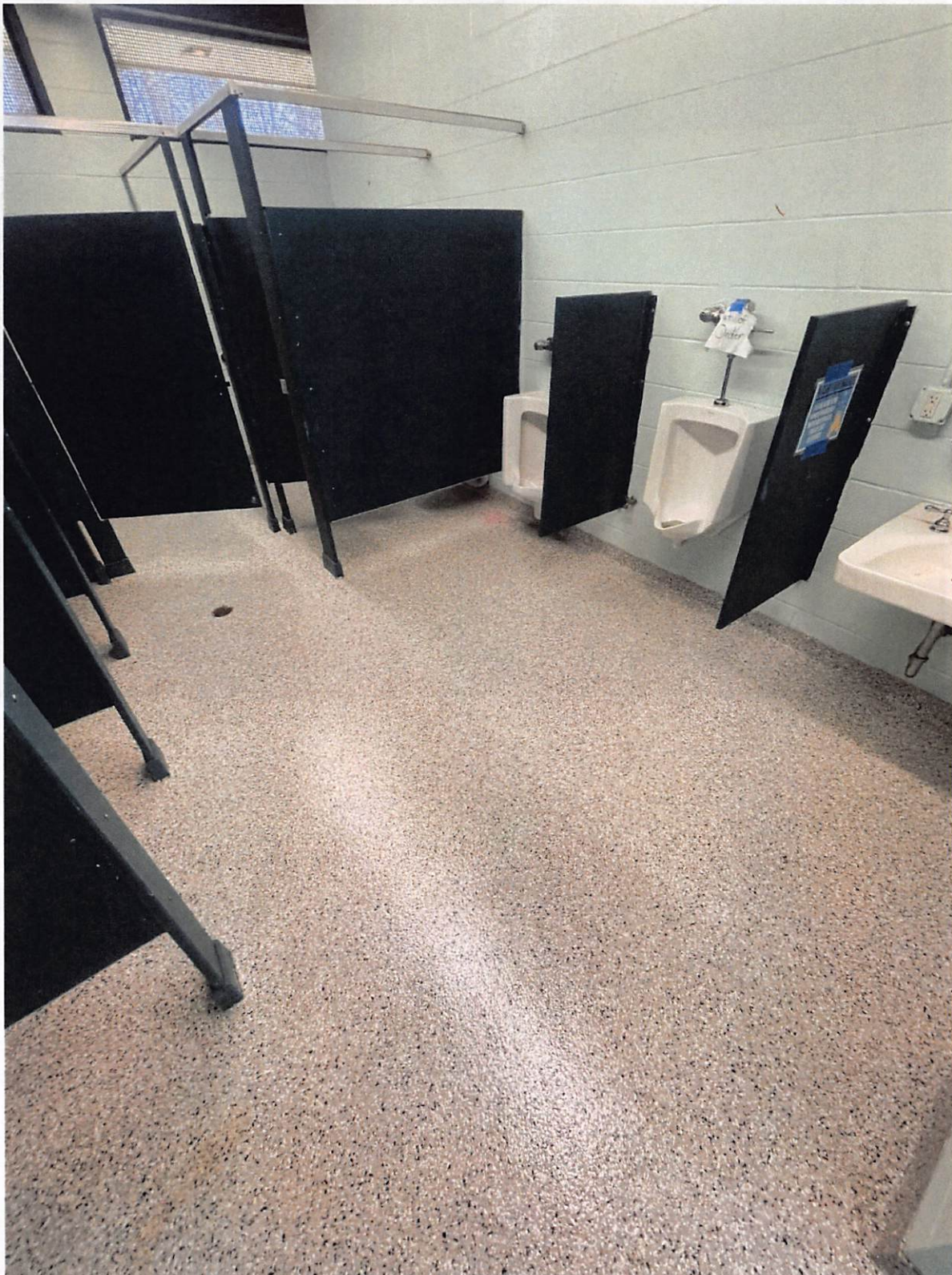
Motion: To authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to utilize \$24,500 from the Parks Improvement Fund contract with MSW Paving to pave and extend the walkway to connect 4 Hampton Rd to 10 Hampton Rd.

Total looking for approval: \$88,605.00

Current Balance of Park Improvement Fund: \$140,000, ending balance of \$48,895

The department will return at a later date to request approval for our Spray Pad Renovation/Improvement on September 2nd. The Spray Pad has sustained considerable damage and requires repairs that will decrease water and chemical consumption, and implement a higher-quality filtration system, which will lead safer water quality.

Example of bathroom Renovation Followed by existing conditions











Respectfully Yours,

Greg Bisson, Director

Exeter Parks and Recreation