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Date: November 27, 2023
To: Joseph Mooney, Board of Finance Chairman
From: James Cosgrove, First Selectman
Re: WIS Field Improvement Project

Chairman Mooney,

In November of 2022, the Board of Finance appropriated \$400K from the ARPA Fund to fund consulting services related to WIS athletic field improvements, and the development of a strategic plan for athletic facilities town wide. Over the past year, these two projects moved forward on a parallel track with BL Companies as the lead consultant.

I have requested BL Companies have an opportunity to present to the Board an overview of the WIS field improvement project. The presentation will include the scope of the improvements, and a cost estimate at the current level of design. BL engaged school administration and staff, and representatives from various stakeholder groups, to ensure the development of a comprehensive project that captures the programmatic needs of the school, and addresses the demand for more fields in town. The project has received both Inland Wetlands and Planning & Zoning approvals.

Given that the Board is being asked to consider several projects and initiatives of significant costs, I am not seeking action tonight. However, I wanted the Board to have the information in advance of contemplating a strategy to fund future requests. I look forward to discussing the WIS field project.

Sincerely,



James B. Cosgrove