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Town Administrator's Statement on Pride Park

(West Boylston, MA)- The Town of West Boylston has secured the design and engineering services of Weston & Sampson of Boston, MA to make critical updates to Pride Park Playground located on Crescent Street. As a result of their engagement, Weston & Sampson will be presenting preliminary design documents together with probable costs at a joint meeting of stakeholder Boards, Committees, and Commissions on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the West Boylston Senior Center.

“After meetings with Weston & Sampson and a review by their Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI), the scope of this project has changed significantly,” said Town Administrator Jennifer Warren-Dyment. “The Town originally intended to keep many of the play structures from the community build nearly two decades ago, however as many of these structures are nearing the end of their useful life and some have been deemed non-compliant with current safety standards, it is prudent to start afresh.”

At the public meeting on April 6th, Weston & Sampson will present a small and large concept design; 7,010 and 9,765 square feet respectively. They will also be presenting on the probable costs associated with each alternative. Thus far, the Town has received a legislative earmark secured by Representative James O’Day in the amount of \$150,000 and \$250,000 in Community Preservation Act funds (although the Community Preservation Committee has authorized only \$100,000 to be expended without a further vote of Town Meeting). The Select Board has not voted on the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for this project.

“I anticipate a healthy dialogue between the stakeholder Boards, Committees, and Commissions as well as the general public about the future of this project,” said Warren-Dyment. “In my assessment, there are several available funding avenues to discuss.”

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