

Prioritize field irrigation for ARPA funds

Karen Belding <karenb@cbsl.org>

Tue 9/20/2022 4:27 PM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>

Cc: CBSL EOB <eob@cbsl.org>; president@cbsl.org <president@cbsl.org>

Dear First Selectman Bisbikos and Board of Selectmen members,

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Please be sure that all the Board of Selectmen and any individuals involved in the ARPA funding efforts receive a copy of this letter.

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Karen Belding

President, Colchester Baseball and Softball League

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CBSL Request for irrigation

Jeffery Bischoff <bamboo673@yahoo.com>

Tue 9/20/2022 4:45 PM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>

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As a personal note, I was President of East Hampton Little League for many years before moving to Colchester with my family. During my time there, we added irrigation to our fields, which were not town owned but private. The cost/benefit of this venture proved to be very favorable to our town and league.

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Thank you very much.

Kind regards,
Jeff Bischoff

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Field irrigation

Kathleen Carnelli <kcarnelli@gmail.com>

Tue 9/20/2022 5:10 PM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>

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Kind regards,

Kathleen

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A much needed improvement for colchester

Monica Llanez <llanez_19@yahoo.com>

Tue 9/20/2022 6:49 PM

To: ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>

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Kind regards,

Monica Llanez

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Rec Plex Fields

Brian Rago <brianrago@gmail.com>

Tue 9/20/2022 8:00 PM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>

Cc: ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>

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I would also like to remind the first selectman that he ran on the fields as a campaign issue and it probably helped get him elected. Fields have actually gotten worse since you have been in office. Irrigation installed on R6 and then not used??!!

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Thank you very much.

Brian Rago

35 Harvest Lane

Colchester

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ARPA funds

jacki colangelo <jackicolangelo@hotmail.com>

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Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Jaclyn Healy

Colchester resident

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ARPA - Request to Freeze Funds

Michael Dubreuil <dubreuilm@gmail.com>

Tue 9/20/2022 9:08 PM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>

Cc: Deborah Bates <dBates@colchesterct.gov>; Denise Turner <dturner@colchesterct.gov>; Rosemary Coyle <rcoyle@colchesterct.gov>; Jason LaChapelle <jLaChapelle@colchesterct.gov>; eob@cbsl.org <eob@cbsl.org>

Andreas,

Recently I have received an email from the Colchester Baseball and Softball League (CBSL) about their concern over the field irrigation system. Apparently, they are worried that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will run out and the field irrigation system will not be funded.

Within the past several years the citizens of Colchester have received material from the town indicating the sports fields are in poor condition due to a lack of irrigation. Unfortunately, it was not financially feasible to install the required watering systems. Thanks to ARPA, those funds became available and were promised; however it is my understanding they have not actually been expended on field irrigation.

My current understanding of the Rec-Plex field irrigation systems is that we have a quote. That was the basis for ensuring the ARPA funds would be sufficient. However, we have not gone further than a quote and extended it to a Request for Proposal, receiving a bid, or executing on a contract. To put it simply- it's not happening.

As I'm sure all are aware that the ARPA funds are the citizens tax dollars. They should be used for citizen's projects... the businesses come second. I would request the Colchester ARPA fund become frozen, all future business expenditures be delayed (quashed), until such time that we execute on the citizens' plans to improve the field irrigation systems.

I would request that this email become part of the correspondence of the Board of Selectman and the ARPA committee. It should be presented to the public and dialogue from the board and the public should be solicited.

Thank you,
Michael Dubreuil
180 Woodbine Rd, Colchester

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ARPA funds - RecPlex Irrigation needs

VZ Kids <gsvzkids@gmail.com>

Tue 9/20/2022 10:11 PM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>

Dear First Selectman Bisbikos, Board of Selectmen members and ARPA committee members,

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Our children participate in soccer, baseball & softball.

As part of the Colchester Soccer Club (CSC) & Colchester Baseball and Softball League (CBSL) – we see how much it benefits our youth to have these kinds of programs and hope that our leaders recognize that having well maintained, safe, and available fields allowing for much more than one season of play is integral and well-worth the necessary investment.

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Kind regards,

Gregory & Samantha Van Zilen

91 Brindlewood Path

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recreation complex improvements

KARL SCHOEN-RENE <schoenrene1@comcast.net>

Tue 9/20/2022 10:17 PM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>

Dear First Selectman Bisbikos, Board of Selectmen members and ARPA funding folks,

I am writing today to encourage you all to make a priority to allocate ARPA funds necessary to install an irrigation system in all of the Recreation Complex fields – R1 through R8. That complex and all of its fields are a key feature in drawing families to our city and provides space that allows both organized and casual outdoor activities and sports that benefit many of our families.

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Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Karl A. Schoen-Rene
9 Harbor Road
Colchester, CT 06415

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CBSL - field conditions and usage

Nicholas Poirier <nicholas.poirier49@gmail.com>

Tue 9/20/2022 10:21 PM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>; Courtney Poirier <aumfamilyyoga@gmail.com>

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Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Nick and Courtney Poirier

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Fields

Candace Michaud <cmichaud1004@gmail.com>

Wed 9/21/2022 7:41 AM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>

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Irrigation system for Recreation Complex Fields

paul@gerstmail.net <paul@gerstmail.net>

Wed 9/21/2022 8:55 AM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>

Cc: president@cbsl.org <president@cbsl.org>; president@colchestersoccer.org <president@colchestersoccer.org>

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We would also like to kindly remind the town that we are always at the table to do our part in the partnership of caring for our facility. We are asking that the town now uses the ARPA funding opportunity as well as the fee imposed on all recreational participants to make a major improvement that has been a necessity for a long time.

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Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Paul Gerst

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Field Irrigation

Jennifer <jenn_lynch@hotmail.com>

Wed 9/21/2022 6:54 PM

To: ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>

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Kind regards,
Jennifer Wheaton

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Rec Plex Field Irrigation

Marguerite Gignac <bmgignac@yahoo.com>

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Thank you very much,

Margo Gignac

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ARPA Funds for RecPlex Irrigation

Seth Breitmaier <sethsbreitmaier@gmail.com>

Wed 9/21/2022 8:54 PM

To: ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>; First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>

Cc: eob@cbsl.org <eob@cbsl.org>

Dear First Selectman Bisbikos, Board of Selectmen members and ARPA funding folks,

I'm writing to you today as a father, coach, and frequent user of the Colchester Recreation Complex (RecPlex). I have a six-year-old son, a three-year-old daughter and a four-month-old daughter. With one or two exceptions, there is no greater investment for our children (and our town) than into the improvement and maintenance of the RecPlex. As I'm writing this email, I can't help but think of the line from the Cheers theme song "You want to go where everybody knows your name". The recreation complex is where children go to compete, play, laugh and make friends. It's the place where parents go to watch their children have fun and grow. It's the place we all go to feel that sense of community.

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Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Seth Breitmaier

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Rec Plex Fields

Ryan Busby <rbusby67@yahoo.com>

Thu 9/22/2022 11:27 AM

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Kind regards,

Ryan P. Busby

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Jennifer Chabot <jenniferchabot01918@gmail.com>

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Jennifer and Brandon Chabot

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ARPA Funds

Wayne Roderick <waynerod54@gmail.com>

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Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Wayne J. Roderick Jr.

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Fwd: Our fields need your help

Brett Mahon <brettmahon@yahoo.com>

Thu 9/22/2022 11:52 AM

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Kind regards,

Brett Mahon

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ARPA Funding

Ferrigno, Jessica <Jessica.Ferrigno@pfizer.com>

Thu 9/22/2022 3:48 PM

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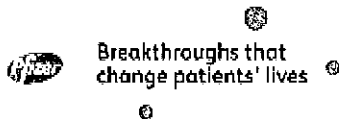
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Kind regards,

Jess Ferrigno

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Field Irrigation

Nathaniel Piazza <piazza.n.f@gmail.com>

Thu 9/22/2022 5:59 PM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>

Dear First Selectman Bisbikos, Board of Selectmen members and ARPA funding folks,

I am writing today to encourage you all to prioritize the ARPA funds needed to install an irrigation system in all of the Recreation Complex fields -- R1 through R8. That complex and all of its fields are a key feature in the infrastructure of our town -- allowing for both organized and casual outdoor activities and sports that benefit many of our families.

As part of the Colchester Baseball and Softball League -- we see how much it benefits our youth to have these kinds of programs and hope that our leaders recognize that having well maintained, safe, and available fields allowing for much more than one season of play is integral and well-worth the necessary investment.

We would also like to kindly remind the town that we are always at the table to do our part in the partnership of caring for our facility -- as our fundraising efforts have allowed our organization to invest over \$60,000 in the fields, fences, dugouts, scoreboards, and more over the past 4 years. We are asking that the town now uses the ARPA funding opportunity to make a major improvement that has been a necessity for a long time.

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Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Nate Piazza

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ARPA Funds for Field Irrigation

Kelly Koziol <kellykoziol@yahoo.com>

Thu 9/22/2022 8:44 PM

To: ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>; First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>

Dear First Selectman Bisbikos, Board of Selectmen members and ARPA funding personnel,

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Recreation Complex

rob proteckllc.com <rob@proteckllc.com>

Fri 9/23/2022 9:02 AM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>

Cc: Jennifer Mancini <jenlmancini@gmail.com>

I, along with hopefully many members of our Colchester community, will be writing you regarding the APRA funding and the needs of our community at the recreation complex. What we witnessed this summer was awful, brown fields as far as you could see! This potentially could have pushed back the start of the soccer season that MANY children partake in and no doubt would have affected other sports and park & recreation activities as well.

I urge the town to allocate the funding to complete the installation of the irrigation system at the recreation complex. To push this to the side, after the project was already started, would be short-sighted and a detriment to our town. As a parent of two children who play sports, we go to surrounding towns and their fields are beautiful and something to be proud of. I am hoping the selectman and board agree that we should want people coming to our recreation complex and saying that about our fields! Step 1 is the completion of the irrigation system...

Thank you for your time,

Rob Ives

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Colchester Recreation Complex Fields

Landry, Timothy <Timothy.Landry@marcumllp.com>

Fri 9/23/2022 12:11 PM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; ARPA <arpa@colchesterct.gov>

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Thank you very much.

Kind regards

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Colchester Lacrosse League

Erin Mancuso <emancuso00@yahoo.com>

Sun 9/25/2022 12:30 PM

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Irrigation system

Sarah Berard <sarahberard@ymail.com>

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