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Town of North Attleborough

**TOWN COUNCIL**

**FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

43 South Washington Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760

Phone: (508) 699-0100 ext. 2555

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**JANUARY 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM**

JoAnn Cathcart Conference Room

43 South Washington St. North Attleborough, MA

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**I. Pledge Of Allegiance**

**II. Approval Of Minutes**

- a. Approval of Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of December 4, 2024

**III. Resident And Community Comment**

**IV. Old Business**

**V. New Business**

- a. Measure 2025-026- Approval of Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment for Martin School

Documents:

[\*MEASURE 2025-026- APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF MARTIN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION.COMPLETE.SIGNED.PDF\*](#)

- b. Measure 2025-027- Approval of Purchase of Office Furniture for Senior Center located at 451 Elm Street

Documents:

[\*MEASURE 2025-027-APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 451 ELM ST. .COMPLETE.SIGNED.PDF\*](#)

- c. Measure 2025-028- Approval to adopt a section of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5K to allow to allow taxpayer(s) over the age of 60

to earn a property tax credit for a maximum tax exemption of \$1,500.00

Documents:

*[MEASURE 2025-028- APPROVAL TO ADOPT A SECTION OF MA GENERAL LAW FOR MAX. TAX EXEMPTION.COMPLETE.SIGNED.PDF](#)*

## **VI. Adjournment**

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Measure #: 2025-026

## TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 12/09/2024

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

### MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Approval of Purchase and Installation of Accessible Playground Equipment and Associated Landscaping and Fencing for Joseph W. Martin Elementary School

Signed:

Michael Borg

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### PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The play structures at the Joseph W. Martin Elementary School are not accessible to all students. To enhance inclusion among the student body, school administration solicited design and pricing for equipment to augment - not replace - their current playground equipment, and they engaged the State Representative for a \$50,000 earmark. An enthusiastic parent group raised an additional \$12,000. School administration and the parent group brought the plans to the Commission on Disability, and they won their endorsement. The Schools Department brought the project to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee, and the body voted to recommend approval of the project to the Town Manager. The \$50,000 earmark from the Commonwealth will expire on 30 June 2025, therefore the Town Manager approves the project and recommends the Town Council take this CIP project out of cycle. Approval will allow adequate time to use the state earmark and enable construction while school is recessed for the summer.

To complete the project, the Public Facilities Department will require funding beyond the state earmark and donations collected by the parent group:

Ultiplay quote:	\$201,995.32
State Earmark:	-\$50,000
Donations:	-\$12,000
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Total Required:	\$139,995.32

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** This measure requires a Legal Notice & a Public Hearing

**ATTACHMENTS:** CIP Nomination Slide, Ultiplay Quote, CoD Endorsement Letter

**REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE:** Finance

Measure #: 2025-026

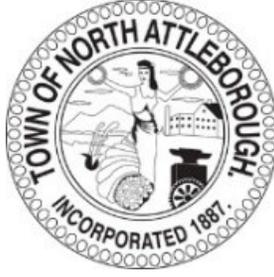
## TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 12/09/2024

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION CONTINUED:



Antonio Morabito, Assistant Town Manager

Paul Keenan, Chair  
Stacy Martin, Vice Chair  
Melinda Bernardo-Cuerda, Secretary  
Jennifer Dixon  
George Southiere, M.D.  
Annette Eaton  
Daniel Knight  
Marguerite Garofolo, M.D.

Town of North Attleborough  
**MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

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December 5, 2024

VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Council President  
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North Attleborough, MA 02760  
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**Re: Martin School Accessible Play Structure**

Dear Mr. Borg and Mr. Paré,

I write on behalf of the North Attleborough Commission on Disability (“COD”) to urge the Town and Town Council to make funds available—whether through the Capital Improvement Plan (“CIP”) process, use of free cash, use of grants, or otherwise—for the Martin School accessible play structure.

The COD supports this project and believes that it will be a valuable addition to the Martin School and the community at large.

The total cost of the project is currently estimated at around \$149,000. Representative Adam Scanlon has already secured \$50,000 in funding, however that funding will expire around the end of the school year if it is not used for the project. The Martin School Association has also raised approximately \$11,000 for the project. The current shortfall is approximately \$88,000. We urge the Town to act now to ensure the project is funded and begins before the \$50,000 grant from the Commonwealth expires.

It is our understanding that the project will be on the agenda at the Town Council’s upcoming meeting on December 9, 2024. Members of the COD plan to attend to show support for the project.

Mr. Michael Borg  
Mr. Justin Paré  
December 5, 2024  
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Paul L. Keenan

Paul L. Keenan  
Chair, Commission on Disability

cc: All Town Councilors (via email)  
All COD Members (via email)  
Antonio Morabito, Asst. Town Manager ([amorabito@nattleboro.com](mailto:amorabito@nattleboro.com))  
Kerrin Billinghoff, Clerk, Town Council ([kbillinghoff@nattleboro.com](mailto:kbillinghoff@nattleboro.com))  
Representative Adam J. Scanlon ([adam.scanlon@mahouse.gov](mailto:adam.scanlon@mahouse.gov))  
Dr. Jennifer Evans ([jevans@naschools.net](mailto:jevans@naschools.net))

# Martin School Accessible Playground Equipment

**CIP**  
2026-2030

STRATEGY	CATEGORY	DEPARTMENT	DEPARTMENT PRIORITY	FUNDING SOURCE
Infrastructure	Facilities	Public Facilities	5	Various
Description-Scope: Purchase and Installation of Accessible Playground Equipment and Associated Landscaping and Fencing for Joseph W. Martin Elementary School.				
Justification: Current playground equipment is inadequate to guarantee inclusion of the whole student body.				

FUNDING SOURCE	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
State Earmark	\$50,000	-	-	-	-
Donations	\$12,000	-	-	-	-
Unspecified	\$139,995.32	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$201,995.32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT			
	Fund	Department	Amount
Revenue	-	-	-
Personnel Costs	-	-	-
Operating Costs	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Impact Comments: N/A			





**Quote**  
# EST-000923

Bill To  
**Martin Elementary School Association**  
 37 Landry Avenue  
 North Attleboro, MA 02760

Date : Dec 05, 2024  
 Quote Expires : Jun 20, 2025  
 Sales Rep : Joe McMahon  
 Rep Email : jcmahon@ultiplayus.com  
 Rep Phone # : 508-294-6518

Ship To  
 Martin Elementary School Association  
 37 Landry Avenue  
 North Attleboro, MA 02760

#	Item & Description	Qty	Rate	Discount	Amount
1	Playworld Equipment Playmakers custom design 30223-JM-02 Option 2	1	92,388.00	11.00%	82,225.32
2	Installation of play equipment	1	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00
3	2000 s.f poured-in-place rubber 50/50 blend color to black with aromatic binder various thicknesses 2-3 1/2 inches .	1	34,300.00	0.00	34,300.00
4	Site prep for rubber surface Excavation and disposal of existing material . Supply , installation and compaction of dense grade material.	1	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00
5	1800 s.f poured-in-place rubber for under existing play structure . Square feet is based on use zone of existing play equipment 50/50 blend standard binder with aromatic binder 3" system	1	30,870.00	0.00	30,870.00
6	Site prep for rubber surface under old play equipment . excavation and disposal of material . Installation and compaction of dense grade stone	1	14,400.00	0.00	14,400.00
				Subtotal	198,795.32
				Shipping	3,200.00
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$201,995.32</b>

Thank you for the opportunity to assist with your recreation project.

## Terms & Conditions

Due to supply chain challenges, our manufacturers are facing longer lead times than usual. Most of our manufacturing partners are shipping 3-6 months out. Quote is valid for 30 days and requires our authorization thereafter.

Trash and packaging materials will be consolidated and stacked neatly on Customer's site or placed in Customer's dumpster on site if other arrangements have not been agreed.

Prices in the above Quote are valid under the noted expiration date. If you choose to pay with a credit card, processing fees will be added to the total. Tax will be added to the final invoice unless a tax-exempt certificate is provided. For orders in an amount of \$100 or less, payment in full is required at the time of the order. For all other orders, a minimum 1/3rd deposit is required, unless expressly waived by UltiPlay (Orders from governmental entities are excluded from the deposit requirement).

Orders become final forty-eight (48) hours from receipt of Order Agreement. Orders may NOT be canceled or returned under any circumstances. Items which may be canceled or returned are subject to a twenty (20%) percent restocking fee, plus the cost of return freight. Returned items must be in original packaging, in new condition, and returned within ten (10) days. Authorization for the return must be obtained in writing from UltiPlay. Orders for products, other than those from Playworld, may NOT be canceled or returned.

If we can assist in any way, please reach out to your Sales Representative noted at the top of this document.

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, Title and Date



Measure #: 2025-027

## TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 12/09/2024

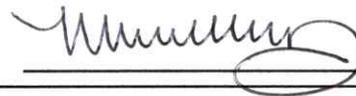
Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

### MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Approval of Purchase of Furniture and Equipment for the Senior Center at 451 Elm Street

Signed:

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### PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The move of the North Attleborough Senior Center to its new location at 451 Elm Street has highlighted the need for updated and additional furniture and equipment. To fund the requirement, Town officials engaged the State Representative, and he secured for a \$65,000 earmark. The Senior Center Director brought a furnishing and equipment procurement project to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee, and the body voted to recommend approval of the project to the Town Manager. The \$65,000 earmark will expire on 30 June 2025, therefore the Town Manager approves the project and recommends the Town Council take this CIP project out of cycle. Approval will allow adequate time to use the state earmark and allow the Senior Center to execute its planned move in July 2025.

The CIP project features the following:

- Senior Center reception desk
- Office desks and chairs
- Filing cabinets
- Bookcases
- Dining tables
- Stackable chairs w/ storage dolly
- Wire shelving
- Kitchen equipment
- Tabletop BINGO game
- Electric fireplace
- Card tables and chairs
- Easy chairs
- Decorations

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** This measure requires a Legal Notice & a Public Hearing

**ATTACHMENTS:** CIP Nomination Slide

**REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE:** Finance

# Senior Center Furnishings and Equipment

**CIP**  
2026-2030

STRATEGY	CATEGORY	DEPARTMENT	DEPARTMENT PRIORITY	FUNDING SOURCE
Infrastructure	Equipment	Senior Center	2	Earmark
Description-Scope: Purchase of furniture and equipment for the Senior Center at 451 Elm Street.				
Justification: Facility move to 451 Elm requires updated and additional furniture and equipment.				

FUNDING SOURCE	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Free Cash	\$0	-	-	-	-
Borrowing	\$0	-	-	-	-
Earmark	\$65,000	-	-	-	-
Total	\$65,000	-	-	-	-

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT		
Fund	Department	Amount
Revenue	-	-
Personnel Costs	-	-
Operating Costs	-	-
Total	-	-
Impact Comments: Explain how procuring this item will affect your department's organization, training, materiel, education, personnel and facilities.		







Measure #: 2025-028

# TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

<b>Date:</b> 12/09/2024	<b>Submitted By:</b> Town Manager	<b>Telephone #:</b> 508-699-0100
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**MEASURE DESCRIPTION:**

Approval to adopt a section of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5K to allow taxpayer(s) over the age of 60 to earn a property tax credit for a maximum tax exemption of \$1,500.00.

**Signed:** Michael Borg

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**PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:**

**Purpose:**

To amend the Town’s Senior Work-Off Program by adopting a provision of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5K, which increases the maximum property tax credit that eligible senior taxpayers can earn from \$1,000 to \$1,500 annually. This measure seeks to provide greater financial relief to senior residents who contribute their time and skills to the Town through volunteer work, recognizing their valuable contributions while addressing rising costs of living. The Town currently caps the total program funding at \$50,000 annually paid from the Town’s Overlay account.

**Description:**

The Senior Work-Off Program, authorized under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5K, allows taxpayers aged 60 or older to earn a property tax credit by volunteering for the Town in various capacities. Currently, the Town provides a maximum property tax exemption of \$1,000 annually, with the overall program capped at \$50,000 annually by the Town.

This measure proposes to increase the allowable maximum exemption to \$1,500 annually to better align the program with rising property taxes and living expenses faced by seniors. By adopting this adjustment, the Town will:

Expand financial support for senior homeowners, helping them to remain in their homes and maintain their quality of life.

Enhance the program's value, encouraging more participation and creating opportunities for seniors to contribute their skills and knowledge to Town operations.

Acknowledge the economic challenges faced by seniors in North Attleborough and demonstrate the Town’s commitment to supporting its senior community.

Approval of this measure will ensure that the Senior Work-Off Program remains an effective and meaningful way to support our senior residents while benefiting the Town through their dedicated service.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**ATTACHMENTS:** MA General Law Chapter 59, Section 5K

**REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE:**

Measure #: 2025-028

## TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 12/09/2024

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION CONTINUED:

**Part I**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

**Title IX**

TAXATION

**Chapter 59**

ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

**Section 5K**

PROPERTY TAX LIABILITY REDUCED IN EXCHANGE FOR  
VOLUNTEER SERVICES; PERSONS OVER AGE 60

*[ First paragraph effective until January 2, 2024. For text effective  
January 2, 2024, see below.]*

Section 5K. In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, the board of selectmen of a town or in a municipality having a town council form of government, the town council or the mayor with the approval of the city council in a city may establish a program to allow persons over the age of 60 to volunteer to provide services to such city or town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the city or town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of such person over the age of 60 on his tax bills and any reduction so provided shall be in addition to any exemption or abatement to which any such person is otherwise entitled and no such person shall receive a rate of, or be credited with, more than the current minimum wage of the commonwealth per hour for services provided pursuant to such reduction nor shall the reduction of the real property tax bill exceed \$1,500 in a given tax year. It shall be the responsibility of the city or town to maintain a record for each taxpayer

including, but not limited to, the number of hours of service and the total amount by which the real property tax has been reduced and to provide a copy of such record to the assessor in order that the actual tax bill reflect the reduced rate. A copy of such record shall also be provided to the taxpayer prior to the issuance of the actual tax bill. Such cities and towns shall have the power to create local rules and procedures for implementing this section in any way consistent with the intent of this section.

*[ First paragraph as amended by 2023, 50, Sec. 2 effective January 2, 2024 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023. See 2023, 50 Sec. 49. For text effective until January 2, 2024, see above.]*

In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, the board of selectmen of a town or in a municipality having a town council form of government, the town council or the mayor with the approval of the city council in a city may establish a program to allow persons over the age of 60 to volunteer to provide services to such city or town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the city or town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of such person over the age of 60 on his tax bills and any reduction so provided shall be in addition to any exemption or abatement to which any such person is otherwise entitled and no such person shall receive a rate of, or be credited with, more than the current minimum wage of the commonwealth per hour for services provided pursuant to such reduction nor shall the reduction of the real property tax bill exceed \$2,000 in a given tax year. It shall be the responsibility of the city or town to maintain a record for each taxpayer including, but not limited to, the number of hours of service and the total amount by which the real property tax has been reduced and to provide a copy of such record to the assessor in order that the actual tax bill reflect the reduced

rate. A copy of such record shall also be provided to the taxpayer prior to the issuance of the actual tax bill. Such cities and towns shall have the power to create local rules and procedures for implementing this section in any way consistent with the intent of this section.

In no instance shall the amount by which a person's property tax liability is reduced in exchange for the provision of services be considered income, wages, or employment for purposes of taxation as provided in chapter 62, for the purposes of withholding taxes as provided in chapter 62B, for the purposes of workers' compensation as provided in chapter 152 or any other applicable provisions of the General Laws, but such person while providing such services shall be considered a public employee for the purposes of chapter 258, but such services shall be deemed employment for the purposes of unemployment insurance as provided in chapter 151A.

*[ Third paragraph effective until January 2, 2024. For text effective January 2, 2024, see below.]*

A city or town, by vote of its legislative body, subject to its charter, may adjust the exemption in this clause by: (1) allowing an approved representative, for persons physically unable, to provide such services to the city or town; or (2) allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year, rather than \$1,500.

*[ Third paragraph as amended by 2023, 50, Sec. 2 effective January 2, 2024 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023. See 2023, 50 Sec. 49. For text effective until January 2, 2024, see above.]*

A city or town, by vote of its legislative body, subject to its charter, may adjust the exemption in this clause by: (1) allowing an approved representative, for persons physically unable, to provide such services to the city or town; or (2) allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year, rather than \$2,000.