

Michael Borg  
Town Manager



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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025  
**TO:** Town Clerk Pat McNielly  
**FROM:** Michael Borg  
**CC:** Tim Chouinard Town Facilities Director  
Linda Catanzariti, Town Accountant  
Chris Sweet, Tax Collector & Treasurer  
Dr. John Antonucci Superintendent of Schools

  
ANTONIO J. MORABITO III  
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**RE:** **Measure 2025-026- Approval of Purchase and Installation of Accessible Playground Equipment and Associated Landscaping and Fencing for Joseph W. Martin Elementary School in the amount of \$139,995.32 to be funded from Capital Improvement Program Stabilization Fund. AMENDED.**

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**Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré**

**Measure 2025-026- Approval of Purchase and Installation of Accessible Playground Equipment and Associated Landscaping and Fencing for Joseph W. Martin Elementary School in the amount of \$139,995.32 to be funded from Capital Improvement Program Stabilization Fund. AMENDED**

**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

The Town Council met on December 9, 2024, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to refer Measure 2025-026- Approval of Purchase and Installation of Accessible Playground Equipment and Associated Landscaping and Fencing for Joseph W. Martin Elementary School in the amount of \$139,995.32 to be funded from Capital Improvement Program Stabilization Fund to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and discussion.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

**Motion carried. 6-0 UNANIMOUS**

The Finance Sub-Committee met on January 8, 2025, and on behalf of the Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to refer Measure 2025-026- Approval of Purchase and Installation of Accessible Playground Equipment and Associated Landscaping and Fencing for Joseph W. Martin Elementary School in the amount of \$139,995.32 to be funded from Capital Improvement Program Stabilization Fund as AMENDED back to the Full Town Council with a favorable recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Councilor St. Pierre.

**Motion carried. 6-0 UNANIMOUS**

The Town Council met on January 13, 2025, where a Public Hearing was held on this measure, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Simmons to approve Measure 2025-026- Approval of Purchase and Installation of Accessible Playground Equipment and Associated Landscaping and Fencing for Joseph W. Martin Elementary School in the amount of \$139,995.32 to be funded from Capital Improvement Program Stabilization Fund as AMENDED.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Donavan.

**Motion carried. 7-0 UNANIMOUS**