

Attention Bennington Select Board Members,

I am writing this letter to thank you for your past support of the Village of North Bennington Parks and Recreation and to request your continued support of \$6000 towards this budget item. Our entire Parks and Recreation budget is not itemized; it is part of our overall Highway Department budget. Our village uses the \$6000 with an additional \$5000 from our own budget to help with unexpected repairs, purchase new equipment and fund park improvement projects. We are currently planning an upgrade to Welling Field that will allow us to add a regulation soccer field and make improvements to the baseball field that will make it useable for both baseball and softball teams. Now that the youth soccer and little league baseball programs from Bennington, Shaftsbury and North Bennington have merged, these improvements will be beneficial to Bennington residents as well as North Bennington residents. To ensure that the funds you send us are used for the intended purpose, we take any unused portion of this money, up to \$5000, and put it in Parks Reserved Fund for future projects. If you have further questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me through the information below. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

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