



**NORTHBRIDGE FINANCE COMMITTEE** 9 FEB 27 AM 10:13  
Northbridge Town Hall  
7 Main Street  
Whitinsville, MA 01588

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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL  
7 MAIN STREET  
WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588**

**March 13, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.**

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call meeting to order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes / February 27, 2019**
- 3. FY 2020 Budgets / 1) Fire Department**
- 4. Public Hearing: Review the FY20 Town Manager's Proposed Operating Budget; Review 2020 Capital Plan; and review the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant articles**
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Adjourn**

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# Why is Lasell Field Important?



**Memorial to John Whitin Lasell**

# Why is Lasell Field Important?



- ★ **A Centerpiece to the Northbridge Community**
- ★ **A Home to both MS and HS Activities**

# What Do We Teach Our Kids Every Day?

**R**esponsible  
**A**chievement  
**M**utual Respect  
**S**ervice









**Are we honoring  
John W. Lasell?**



**Are we showing  
RAMS Pride?**







**Specific List of Issues**

- 1) **Grass** is beyond repair; sparse, sinkholes, mud
- 2) **Goal posts** are rusted
- 3) **Goal posts** are on the field of play
- 4) **Bleachers** are not to code
- 5) **Field** does not support  
full soccer field
- 6) **Track** is beyond repair and  
cannot hold track meets
- 7) **Sprinklers** need repair
- 8) **Lights** are past their useful life



## Specific List of Issues

# Who uses the Field?

## Middle School

Gym Class

Track

Soccer - Boys

Soccer - Girls

Football

Field Hockey

## HS - JV

Track

Soccer - Boys

Soccer - Girls

Football

Field Hockey

Lacrosse - Boys

Lacrosse - Girls

## HS - Varsity

Track

Soccer - Boys

Soccer - Girls

Football

Field Hockey

Band

Lacrosse – Boys

Lacrosse - Girls

## Other

\*Youth Sports  
Community

\* Limited today given amount condition of the field

What are we  
risking?  
What is our  
Opportunity?

- Safety of our kids
- Usage - Ability to Play
- Community Pride & Engagement
- Property Values - Family Selling Point/Investment in Town
- **Appropriately honoring John W. Lasell**



How do we compare to other towns?



How do we compare to other towns?



**How do we compare to other towns?**

## AND the List Continues.....

**Shepard Hill Oakmont Groton Dunstable Marlborough Wachusett Nashoba Tantasqua**

*"This is the best investment ever made in athletics at Doyle Field. We can play in any kind of weather, no rainouts, and all four sports teams and leagues love the playing surface. Without jinxing ourselves, we have had no major injuries on this beautiful surface. We highly recommend this type of surface as it has saved us weekly mowing and bagging as well as fertilizing and other treatments." - Patrick LaPointe, Doyle Field Coordinator, Leominster*

*"At WHS we could not operate without our turf field. The lack of field space on campus would make it impossible to have all of our varsity teams play their home games on the high school campus. A single grass field would not be able to handle the amount of use the turf field accommodates. The turf field is the center of our facility and truly serves as our "home" field." - Johanna DiCarlo, Director of Athletics, Westborough Public Schools*

**North Middlesex Leominster  
Hopkinton Holliston Ashland Westboro Bellingham Franklin**





Do we compare?

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## **Friends of Lasell Field**

**is an organization  
formed to research, plan and promote  
a capital project to renovate and upgrade the  
Lasell Field Complex located at 171 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville MA**



PROJECT FEATURES:  
400 SEAT HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE BLEACHERS WITH PRESSBOX  
MULTI-USE SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD PROVIDING PERMANENT LINES FOR SOCCER, FOOTBALL, LACROSSE AND FIELD HOCKEY  
400 METER TRACK, 8 LANE STRAIGHT AND 8 LANE OVAL  
HIGH JUMP TRIPLE JUMP LONG JUMP POLE VOLT, DISCUS, SHOT PUT, AND JAVELIN FACILITIES

# What is the Cost?

\* Figures are an estimate from RAD, preliminary research finds the estimates to be reasonable

<b>Field</b>	<b>\$ 900 K</b>
<b>Track</b>	<b>\$ 750 K</b>
<b>Eco Drain</b>	<b>\$ 90 K</b>
<b>Lights</b>	<b>\$ 450 K</b>
<b>Bleachers</b>	<b>\$ 140 K</b>
<b>Press Box</b>	<b>\$ 125 K</b>
<b>Netting</b>	<b>\$ 20 K</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$ 300 K</b>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$ 2,775 K</b>

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One-Year Debt Exclusion  
to fund the renovation of the Lasell Field Complex**





# RAMS PRIDE

In Memory of John W Lasell

LASELL FIELD

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**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
ESTIMATED DEBT SERVICE  
\$2,775,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES  
1 YEAR**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL PAYMENT</b>	<b>SHORT TERM INTEREST</b>	<b>ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>Impact on Tax Rate FY19</b>	<b>Impact on House Valued At</b>	<b>Impact on House Valued At</b>	<b>Impact on House Valued At</b>
0	2019	\$2,775,000	\$0			\$13.53	\$216K	\$316K	\$416K
1	2020	\$0	\$2,775,000	\$76,313	\$2,851,313	\$1.67	\$359.99	\$526.65	\$693.31
		Total	<b>\$2,775,000</b>	<b>\$76,313</b>	<b>\$2,851,313</b>	Total	<b>\$359.99</b>	<b>\$526.65</b>	<b>\$693.31</b>
						Avg Per Yr.	<b>\$359.99</b>	<b>\$526.65</b>	<b>\$693.31</b>

Assumptions:

Short-term interest figures estimated as follows:

Year 1 - 2.750%

FY2019 Town Values:

\$1,710,843,540.00

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
ESTIMATED DEBT SERVICE  
\$2,775,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES  
3 YEARS**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL PAYMENT</b>	<b>SHORT TERM INTEREST</b>	<b>ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>Impact on Tax Rate FY19 \$13.53</b>	<b>Impact on House Valued At \$216K</b>	<b>Impact on House Valued At \$316K</b>	<b>Impact on House Valued At \$416K</b>
0	2019	\$2,775,000	\$0						
1	2020	\$1,850,000	\$925,000	\$76,313	\$1,001,313	\$0.59	\$126.42	\$184.95	\$243.47
2	2021	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$55,500	\$980,500	\$0.57	\$123.79	\$181.10	\$238.41
3	2022	\$0	\$925,000	\$32,375	\$957,375	\$0.56	\$120.87	\$176.83	\$232.79
		Total	<b>\$2,775,000</b>	<b>\$164,188</b>	<b>\$2,939,188</b>	Total	<b>\$371.08</b>	<b>\$542.88</b>	<b>\$714.68</b>
						Avg Per Yr.	<b>\$123.69</b>	<b>\$180.96</b>	<b>\$238.23</b>

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Year 1 - 2.750%

Year 2 - 3.00%

Year 3 - 3.50%

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**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
ESTIMATED DEBT SERVICE  
\$2,775,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES  
5 YEARS**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL PAYMENT</b>	<b>SHORT TERM INTEREST</b>	<b>ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>Impact on Tax Rate FY19 \$13.53</b>	<b>Impact on House Valued At \$216K</b>	<b>Impact on House Valued At \$316K</b>	<b>Impact on House Valued At \$416K</b>
0	2019	\$2,775,000	\$0						
1	2020	\$2,220,000	\$555,000	\$76,313	\$631,313	\$0.37	\$79.71	\$116.61	\$153.51
2	2021	\$1,665,000	\$555,000	\$66,600	\$621,600	\$0.36	\$78.48	\$114.81	\$151.15
3	2022	\$1,110,000	\$555,000	\$58,275	\$613,275	\$0.36	\$77.43	\$113.27	\$149.12
4	2023	\$555,000	\$555,000	\$44,400	\$599,400	\$0.35	\$75.68	\$110.71	\$145.75
5	2024	\$0	\$555,000	\$24,975	\$579,975	\$0.34	\$73.22	\$107.12	\$141.02
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,775,000</b>	<b>\$270,563</b>	<b>\$3,045,563</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$384.51</b>	<b>\$562.53</b>	<b>\$740.54</b>
						<b>Avg Per Yr.</b>	<b>\$76.90</b>	<b>\$112.51</b>	<b>\$148.11</b>

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Year 2 - 3.00%

Year 3 - 3.50%

Year 4 - 4.00%

Year 5 - 4.50%

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