

MEMO

TO: Windham Town Council  
THROUGH: Tony Plante, Town Manager  
FROM: Brian Ross, Parks and Recreation Director  
SUBJECT: Lincoln Field  
DATE: May 15, 2014

This memo is for updating the Town Council on the progress of Lincoln Field. The Windham Planning Board approved the Abraham Estates subdivision on August 11, 2003 which included a field area for public use in the plan. On March 24, 2009 the Town Council accepted the entrance road and field as Town property. Funds from recreation impact fees were used in September of 2012 to regrade and seed the field. This spring the Windham Youth Lacrosse League will be using the field for practices through end of June.

On May 13, 2009 we meet with several neighbors who live on Lincoln Circle to discuss the field and concerns of the neighbors. The main concerns were speed of the cars on Lincoln Road, possibility of lights on the field and privacy for the two neighbors on either side of the entrance road. We did assure the neighbors that there would be no lights installed on the field and that it was just a practice field because of the limited parking on the site. Stockade fencing was priced out for the two neighbors which would be around \$18,000 for approximate 775 feet of fencing in 2009.

On August 29, 2012 a letter was sent to residents who live on Lincoln Circle giving them an update that the field was being regraded and seeded and would be used in fall of 2013, at the earliest. On May 13, 2014 another letter was sent to the residents on Lincoln Circle stating that field was ready to use and that the Lacrosse League would be starting to use the field in May and to contact me with any questions.

I was contacted by one neighbor who was concerned about privacy and possibility of stockade fence being installed on their property and the concern of dirt being blown around their house and yard. I explained to the neighbor that a stockade fence was very expensive and we would not be able to afford that and they asked about some sort of boundary fence. Even a split rail fence would cost \$5,000 for one neighbor and just over \$3,000 for other neighbor. (A stockade fence would be around \$24,000 at today's prices for 775 feet of fencing). I believe that even though a split rail fence is cheaper than a stockade fence it is still expensive and is not something appropriated for in the budget. As far as the dirt road and dust created from it we can have calcium chemical mix placed on the road for \$400 which is something we can do.

Let me know if you have any further questions.