

## Portsmouth School Department - SAU 52

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Date: April 9, 2024

To: Wetland Conservation Committee

From: Ken Linchey, Director of Building's and Ground's

Re: Tennis Courts Walkthrough Questions

The Portsmouth High Schools Athletic Department is requesting permission to enhance the usage of one their practice fields. The softball and baseball teams are always juggling field usage between the high school fields, Granite Street softball field, Leary field, and Cough field. Making changes to this practice field

will allow some relief to the scheduling and practice needs for all of Portsmouth School programs.

## Project details:

- Remove 3" of sod & loam to create a skinned infield diamond.
- Replaced skinned area with a native infield softball/baseball infield mix. The mixture is made up a clay, silt, and sand.
- Installation of a backstop that would minimize softballs from being hit into the wetland.
- Backstop installation would consist of driving posts into the ground vs using concrete.

In summary, we evaluated how can we accommodate all of our programs within the original field structure year-round. We believe that this is just a slight adjustment with how we layout our field usage within the existing field structure.

Sincerely'
Ken Linchey

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