

**TOWN OF ASHLAND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  
ASHLAND WATER & SEWER CONFERENCE ROOM – 6 COLLINS ST.**

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. PUBLIC HEARING**
  - a. Acceptance of unanticipated funds; in the amount of \$125,000 for building a new playground at the town park.
- III. CALL TO ORDER**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. BOS meeting(s); 11/4/19
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Ashland Library Trustees
  - b. Tri-County Community Action Program
    - i. Subject; former Ashland School Building, 41 School Street.
  - c. Ashland 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee
- VII. SELECTBOARD ITEMS**
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)**
- IX. NON-PUBLIC SESSION (If needed)**
- X. ADJOURN**

**Posted on 11/15/2019 at the Town Office building and town website**

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## Playground Proposal

As you may have heard, the Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA) has been working with the Ashland Park and Recreation (APR) for the past 18 months to replace the playground at the Ashland Ballfields.

The town playground at the Ashland ball fields at 99 Main Street was installed 25 years ago and is used on a daily basis. Many of the towns children play there after school or on the weekends. During the softball season, the playground is busy with the players and spectators children. Both the After School program and the Summer Camp utilize this playground. The playground has seen several repairs over its two and a half decades in service. The wooden portions now have begun to splinter and the metal slide is no longer up to modern standards (gets really hot). The swing set does not meet playground safety codes. Although we are sad to see it go, it is time for a more modern playground.

In June of this year, we were approached by a town resident that her family would like to do something in honor of her sister that passed away. We suggested a playground and she loved the idea. After several meetings with our donor and the numerous playground design/construction companies and the APR director, we have the attached the design that was approved by our donor and the APR Director.

The new design by GameTime USA includes a three bay swing set (2 enclosed tot seats and 4 belt seats), a 2-5 year old unit as well as a 5-12 year old unit and a horse climber made from Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete (GFRC).. GameTime is the largest playground builder in the United States and is IPEMA certified (which means their designs are reviewed by a third party safety certification company). They have worked with local towns such as Franklin, Laconia and Newbury.

The installation will take place in the spring of 2020. The town would be responsible for the removal of the existing playground (spring 2020) which the Public Works Director has assured us is not a problem for his department to handle. It was discussed to dispose of the

wooden portions of the old playground and store the metal portions for possible reuse at a later date.

The new playground will also need a 8 x9 foot concrete base for the horse climber and safety fiber which have been budgeted for. We will be mounting a 18"x24" brass plaque recognizing the playground is in memory of Katherine Macmillan.

**The numbers:**

New Playground Equipment (includes delivery and installation): \$110,903.19

Excavation, grading of site and concrete pads for new structure: \$5200

Wood Fiber (285 yds of safety rated playground mulch): \$6280

Total cost: **\$122,383.19**

**Donor requests:** The donor asked us to keep her informed if the playground needs repairs or maintenance as they do not want a playground in disrepair with their sisters name on it. The other request is that Mark Liebert stays on with the AARA through the playground completion.


We have attached pictures of the playground, a little paragraph of who Katherine Macmillan was to the town of Ashland and the proposal from GameTime.

**We are asking the Board of Selectmen to approve the donation of a playground by the AARA (Approximate value of \$125,000 to be named after Katherine Macmillan.**

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## Katherine Macmillan

Katherine MacMillan was a part time resident of Ashland for over 50 years. As a child, she came to spend summers in Ashland where she enjoyed the lakes and mountains and everything our area has to offer. She was a big fan of Ashland and would order all the memorabilia available (150<sup>th</sup>, Fourth of July etc). She travelled a lot during her adult life but would always find time to come back to one of her favorite places, Ashland.

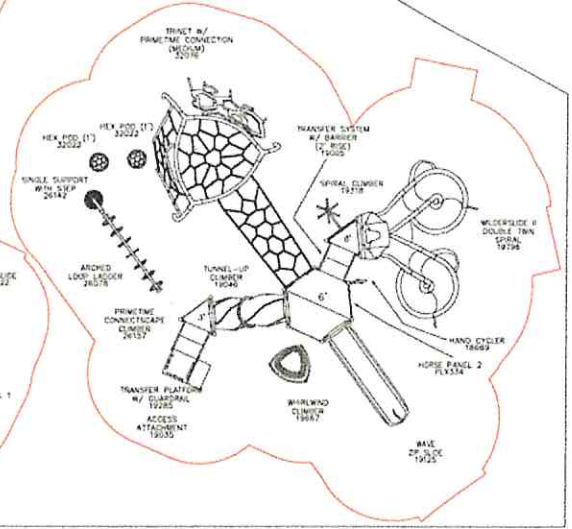
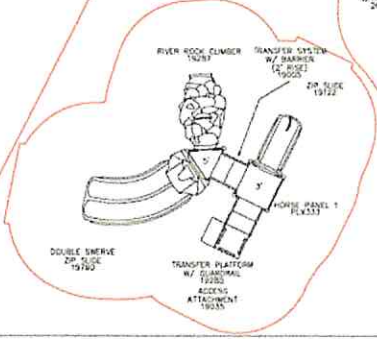
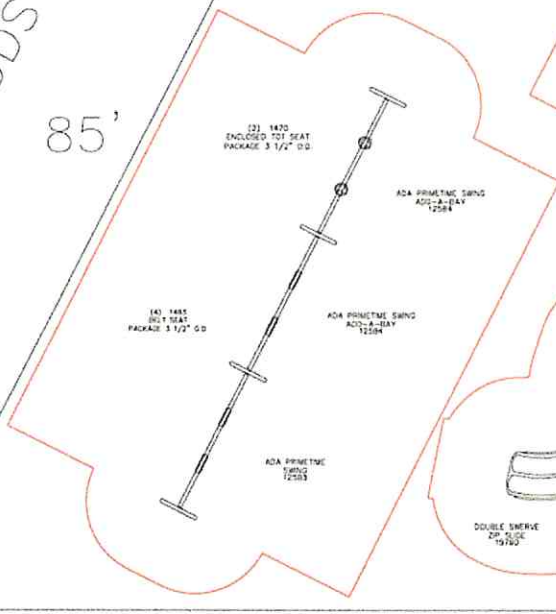
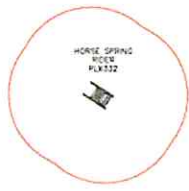
She raised horses and was active in the rodeo circuit which is why her sisters felt it appropriate to include a horse theme in the playground.

She passed away on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and her sisters wanted to do something for her town and preserve her memory.

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BASEBALL FIELD  
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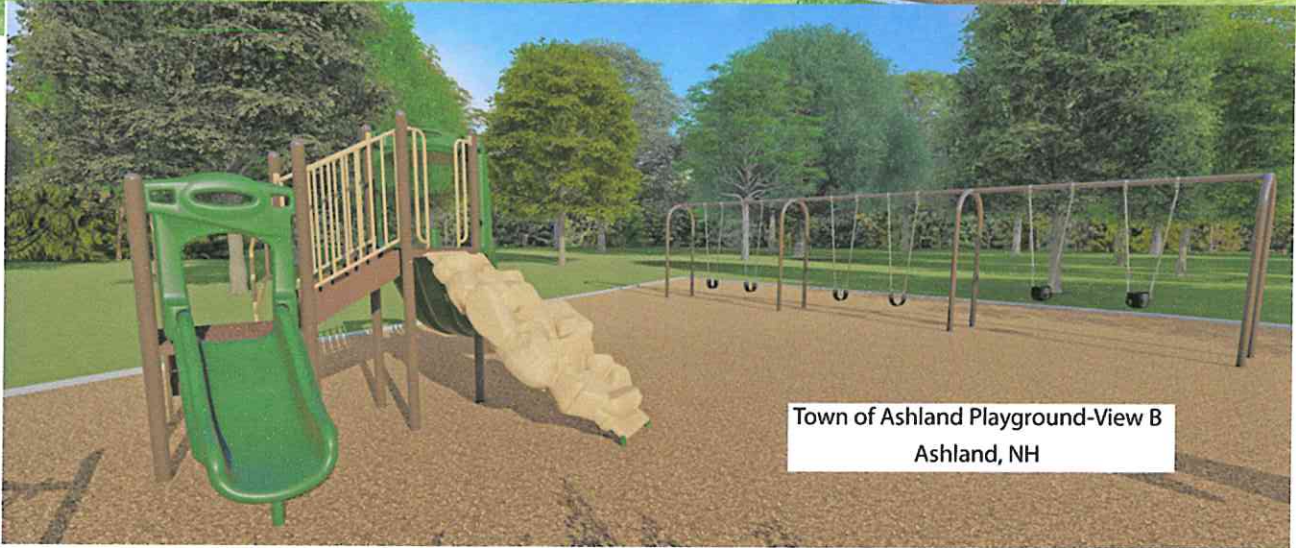
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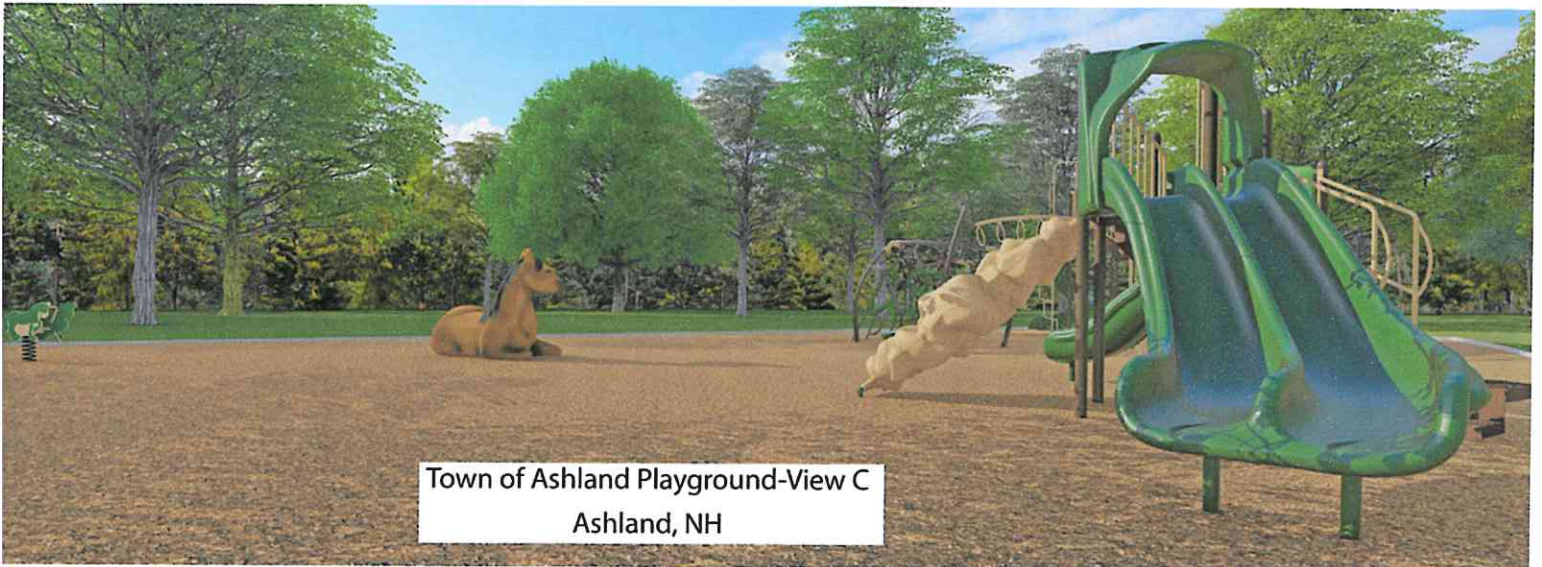
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115'  
TENNIS COURTS

Town of Ashland Playground-View A  
Ashland, NH



Town of Ashland Playground-View B  
Ashland, NH



Town of Ashland Playground-View C  
Ashland, NH



Town of Ashland Playground-View D  
Ashland, NH



Town of Ashland Playground-View E  
Ashland, NH



Town of Ashland Playground-View F  
Ashland, NH





1 **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- 2 a. **Warrenstreet Architects** – Project Architect, Zachary Brock, from Warrenstreet  
3 Architects presented to the Board the final draft of a Building Assessment Report on  
4 the former L.W. Packard Mill building. Funding for the report was provided through  
5 a feasibility grant with Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA). Report  
6 “provided an assessment of the existing conditions of the main building.” Overall, the  
7 building is in poor condition and redevelopment would take extensive modifications to  
8 be compliant with building codes.  
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- 10 b. **Christopher Williams Architects** – Norman Larson, CW Architects, met with the  
11 Board to finalize the Historic Structures Report on the Ashland Town Hall. Funding  
12 for this report was approved through town warrant article and an LCHIP (Land &  
13 Community Heritage Investment Program) grant. Final approval of the plan needs to  
14 be done by LCHIP. The report focused on four aspects of the building; Historical,  
15 Architectural, Assessed Conditions, and Recommended Rehabilitation Approach.  
16 Immediate recommendation was to repair any of the hazardous conditions in the  
17 building and correct the wear and tear then implement long term planning to preserve  
18 the building.  
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21 **V. ADJOURNED** – Board adjourned their meeting at 8:04 p.m.  
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23 *Town Manager Charles Smith wrote these meeting minutes on November 6, 2019.*