




To: Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission
From: Samantha Nestor, First Selectwoman 
Subject: Pickle Ball Courts
Date: January 22, 2024

I submit on behalf of the Board of Selectmen a referral for a report seeking the Planning and Zoning Commission's concurrence under Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24 for improvements associated with the implementation of Pickleball Courts.

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Bisceglie Park has a .20 acre area located directly off of the walking path to the pond and close to the parking lot which is surrounded by split rail fence. This parcel will require some groundwork to be performed and will be able to accommodate 2 to 4 pickle ball courts. Weston Parks and Recreation will maintain the courts and portable aluminum bench seating areas will be provided for the facility. This project will provide a fun recreation area for the entire town.

The Board of Selectmen seeks a positive CGS Section 8-24 referral from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Encl: Parks and Recreation Presentation to Board of Selectmen 1/18/2024
Preliminary Site Development Plan Dated January 4, 2024

PICKLEBALL

AT BISCEGLIE – SCRIBNER PARK



HISTORY: PICKLE BALL POPULARITY AND FUNDING

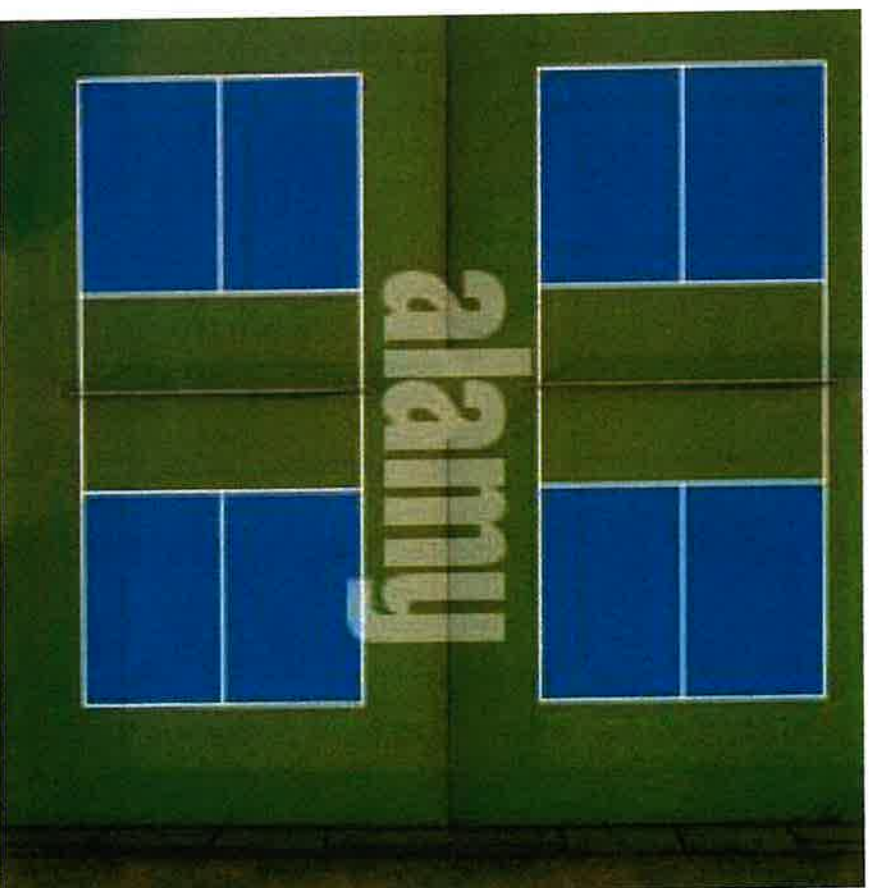
- Pickleball is the most publicly requested activity of the Parks & Recreation Department
- Construction of Town Pickleball courts was the number one priority for the Parks & Recreation Commission in the Town Capital budget for the 2022-2023 Budget.
- Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country.
- The Town received ARPA funds for various needed Town projects.
- The Town BOS and BOF approved the distribution of ARPA funding which included Pickle ball courts.
- The ARPA projects were then approved by the Special Town Meeting machine ballot vote in June 2022.
- Any costs outside the ARPA funds will be paid for by the Enterprise Fund.

HISTORY: WHY BISCEGLIE – SCRIBNER PARK ?

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PICKLE BALL COURTS

- The project area is located in an active park, has adequate gravel parking, woodland areas, and is a centrally located Town Park.
- The proposed site development includes the construction of new pickle ball courts with a drainage system in an area that currently exists as a wooded walking trail.
- The courts will be surrounded by a chain link perimeter fence with wind screen mesh. Benches for seating will be provided.
- To facilitate the pickleball courts a small portion of the wooded area will need to be removed.
- There are no homes located near this proposed area at Bisceglie.

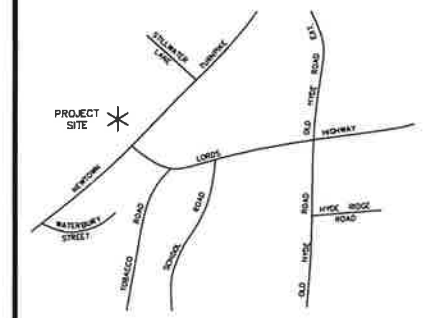
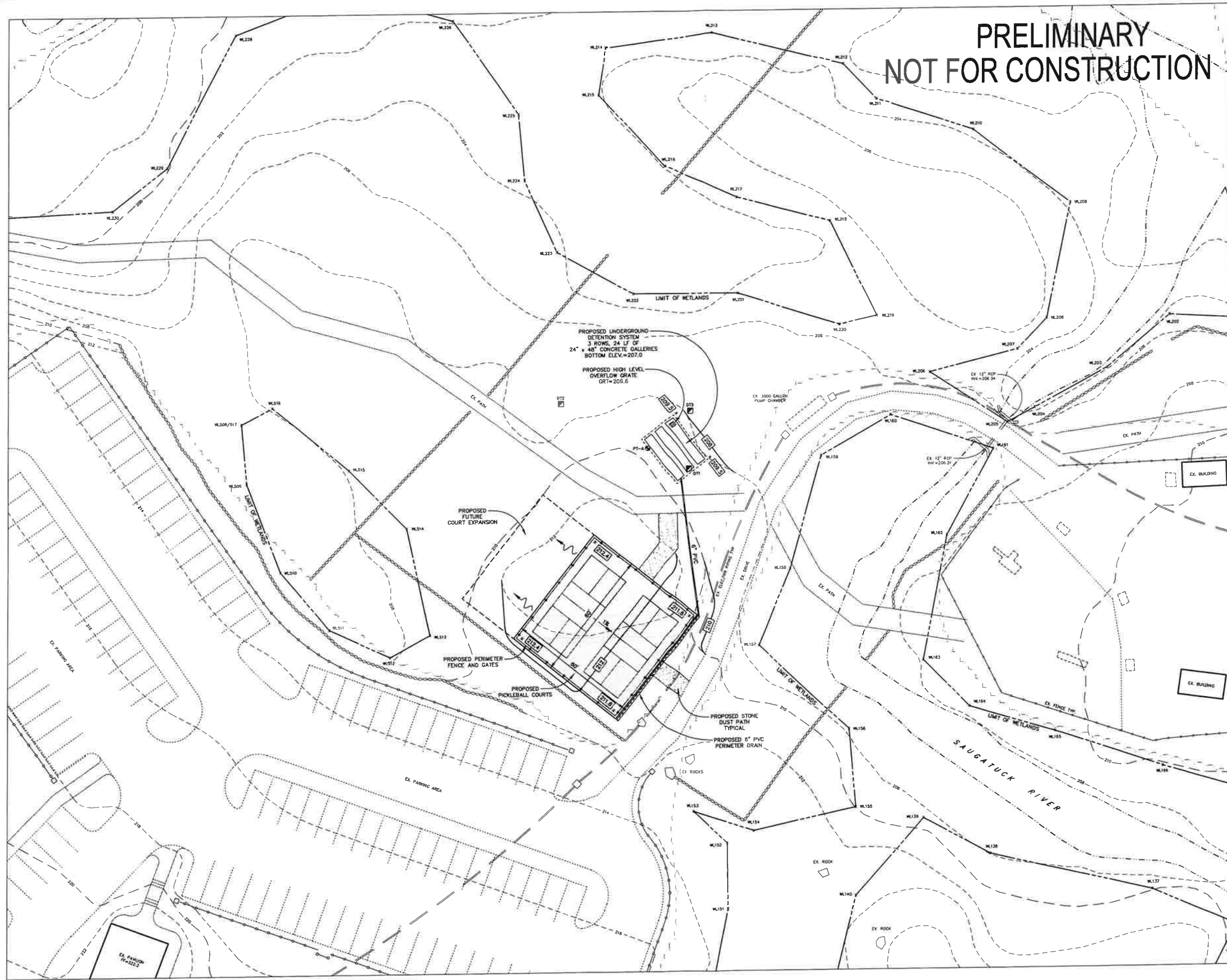


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SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
PICKLEBALL COURTS, BISCEGLIE PARK
WESTON, CONNECTICUT

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