

Playing Fields at Allen's Meadow

- CT DOT approved requested additional uses for a new lease for the state owned-property at Allen's Meadows. Community **gardens, turf fields, lighting** and a **seasonal bubble**.
- Next Steps
 - ***Awaiting a lease from the State***-expecting no hiccups.
 - Current 15-year lease expires in November, but new lease is expected to be effective once executed.
 - ***Simultaneously engage an engineering firm to develop design options and estimated costs.***
 - RFQ by Frank Smeriglio working with Matt Knickerbocker, Steve Pierce, P&R Chair John Macken and Amenities Committee member Scott Lawrence.
 - Contract with engineering firm funded with \$60,000 from WARF from their sale of signs at the Stadium and Lilly.
 - Following completion- public input, determine implementation plan, present at a minimum the proposed turf field to the Annual Town Meeting (ATM).
 - ***Simultaneously identify possible funding sources.***
 - Town Turf Fund, approximately \$300,000 including \$60,000 from WARF from the sales of signs.
 - Bonding referendum to the May 2023 ATM. BOS previously agreed to referendum, but not the amount amount of the referendum.
 - WARF has agreed to contribute/fundraise. What is their capacity?