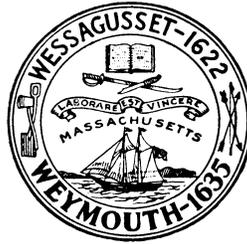


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Town of Weymouth Breaking Ground on Beals Park Improvement Project May 10th, 2023

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Weymouth, MA – The Town of Weymouth will hold a ceremony to commemorate the groundbreaking of the Beals Park Improvement Project on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 11:00am.

WHAT: Beals Park Groundbreaking
WHERE: Beals Park, Located between Athens Street and Sea Street, Weymouth, MA
WHEN: Wednesday, May 10, 2022, at 11:00 AM

In September of 2021 the Town of Weymouth hired Activitas Inc. of Dedham, MA, for park planning, site analysis and thoughtful design options, including: public process with interactive input, analysis of site constraints and opportunities, and public presentation of conceptual design alternatives with cost estimates. Six public meetings were held between October 2021 and December 2022, gathering feedback and ideas from residents on the project.

“This is a great project because it involved a robust community process which allowed the Town to build a consensus as to what the new park should look like, including the types of active and passive activities that should take place in the park,” **said Director of Planning and Community Development Robert Luongo.**

Beal’s Park is a neighborhood park nestled between Sea Street, Athens Street and Bridge Street (RT 3A). The Town’s updated Open Space & Recreation Plan recommended enhancing Beal’s Park for its green spaces adjacent to the RT 3A corridor and its proximity to Bicknell Square. Currently, an inventory of the grounds is limited to some

off-street parking, a basketball court and play equipment. The topography of the site offers a popular venue for sledding during the winter months.

“The renovations and enhancements of Beals Park are going to provide a unique experience for visitors. There will be several different active and passive recreational opportunities to choose from and we are excited to get underway with construction. We appreciate all the community input we’ve received and look forward to completion later this fall,” **said Director of Parks and Recreation Stephen Reilly.**

Project improvements include:

- Pickleball Court
- Expanded landscaping
- Pedestrian lighting
- Benches
- Gazebo
- Playground
- Skatepark
- Re-organized parking

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