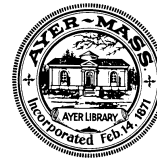


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Playground Update:

Much of the work for the natural play area has been complete. Brad Spinney has been spearheading this effort along with Bill and Joe Seikman. Brad, Parks Department workers and volunteers will continue this work through the spring.

Sections for the main playground area were delivered on March 11. The contractor overseeing the main construction, Rico Cella, will begin work on that section starting in March. The construction will have several steps, including leveling the area, putting in paved pathways, installing the surface material, installing the equipment, and erecting fencing. Much of the final components will be done by the Parks Department and volunteers, such as installation of trash receptacles, benches and signs, and landscaping.

Updated Estimate Timeline:

Winter 2023: Complete planning through BETA for the rebuilding of the playground.

April 2023: Secure funding for the project at Town Meeting.

May/June 2023: Complete design work, set up purchase order for parts and surface material.

July/August 2023: Make purchase order, secure permits for construction.

September 2023: Put out RFP for main construction work.

October: Secure contractor for main construction work.

November: Begin construction on Nature Based Play area.

March 2024: Receive playground equipment order.

Early Spring 2024: Begin construction on main playground area.

Late Spring 2024: Playground grand opening.