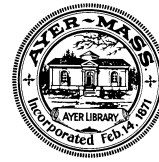


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The Pirone Playground project continues to move forward on schedule. The Conservation Commission has approved the plan put together by BETA inc., and an RFP has been put out to bid. The deadline for bids to be accepted is October 12 at 12:00 PM. Once the contract is awarded, the winning bid will set up a schedule for the initial landscaping work, which we hope to be done by the time the equipment and surface material is delivered for installation.

We are also moving forward with the nature-play area, which will be situated towards the back of the playground. This will be made from natural materials, most of which were saved from the tree removal during the remediation process. We are very fortunate to have an Ayer resident, Brad Spinney, doing much of the wood cutting to prepare the pieces for installation.

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: Obtain permits for construction, Complete RFP

September 2023: Make purchase order, put out RFP for construction work.

Fall 2023: Begin construction.

Late Fall 2023/Early Spring 2024: Playground grand opening