

Recreation Commission
Town of Lyme
PO Box 126
Lyme NH 03768

Dear Community Members and Tennis, Basketball, and Pickleball Supporters,

The Lyme Recreation Facility is a vital gathering place for our community; a space where children learn new skills, neighbors connect, and residents of all ages stay active and engaged. While the facility closes during the winter months, it sees heavy use throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons and plays an important role in the social and recreational life of Lyme.

In addition to its swimming area and trails, the facility includes two tennis courts and one basketball court that serve a wide range of users. This year, we were fortunate to secure a tennis instructor once again, allowing local youth the opportunity to participate in lessons close to home. These courts also support the rapidly growing popularity of pickleball, further underscoring their importance as shared, multi-generational community resources.

Over the past several years, the Recreation Commission has explored resurfacing as a maintenance solution, and this approach has been used successfully in the past. However, the courts have now reached a point where age and underlying ground instability have caused significant deterioration. Resurfacing alone is no longer sufficient or financially responsible. A full reconstruction is necessary to address these foundational issues and to ensure the long-term safety, durability, and usability of the courts.

We have obtained a detailed project estimate from Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing. The scope of work includes complete removal and reconstruction of the court surfaces, new fencing, updated equipment, and professional-grade resurfacing and line painting. The total estimated cost for this project is between \$275,000 and \$285,000.

To move this important project forward, we are pursuing a combination of public and private funding sources and are now launching a broader community fundraising effort. Community support will be essential to making this investment in Lyme's recreational infrastructure a reality.

We would be grateful for your consideration and support. Members of the Recreation Commission would be happy to provide additional information or meet to discuss the project further.

Thank you for your continued investment in Lyme's community spaces, health, and wellbeing.

Warm regards,
Lyme Recreation Commission

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Please write "Tennis/Basketball Courts" in the memo line.