

Weld

Recreational Space

Committee

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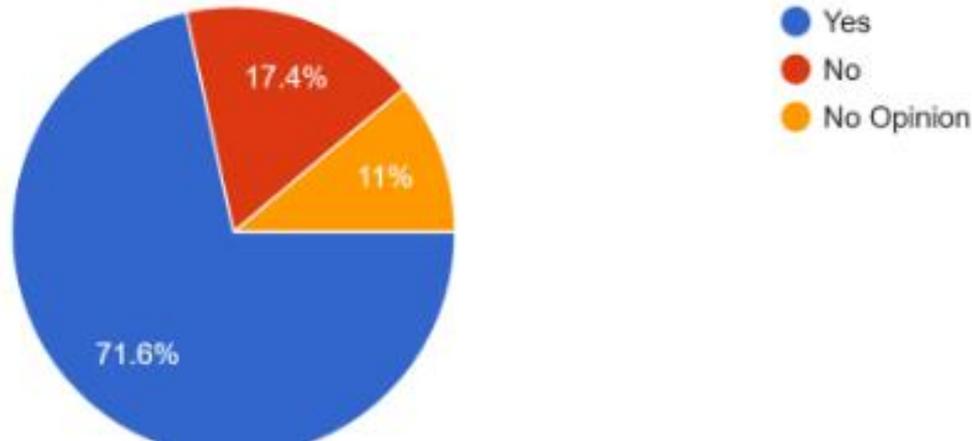
Task Given to Committee

1. Propose a site on town property for the development of a multi-use recreation court (“Court”);
2. Recommend to the Selectboard what type of recreation activities) are to be conducted on the Court;
3. Propose a cost estimate to the Selectboard for the building of such a Court and a five-year maintenance cost plan for the same (such a plan should include contractor proposals); and
4. Provide the Selectboard with any other information that may assist the Selectboard in bringing forth a proposal to the Town Legislature regarding whether to approve constructing such a facility on Town property.

Tasks Completed: Community Survey 2025 - Brief Summary

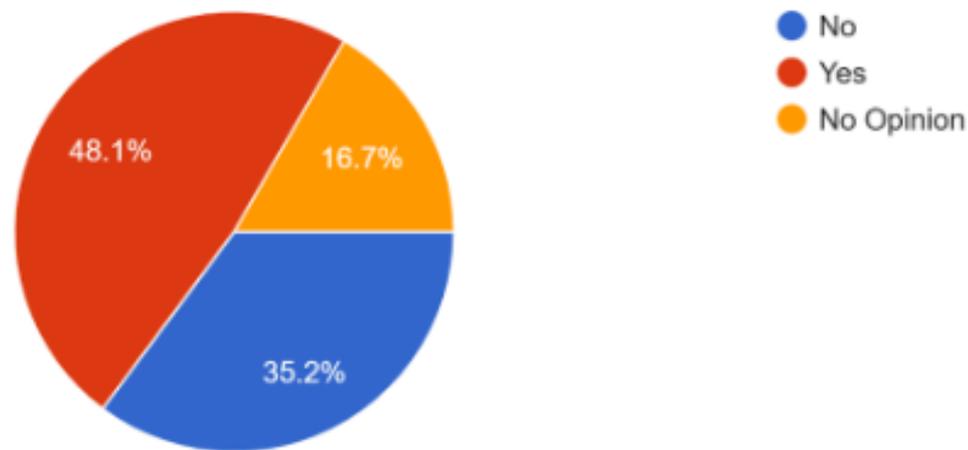
Would you be in favor of converting either one or two of the tennis courts into multi-use areas that could be used for tennis/pickleball/basketball?

109 responses

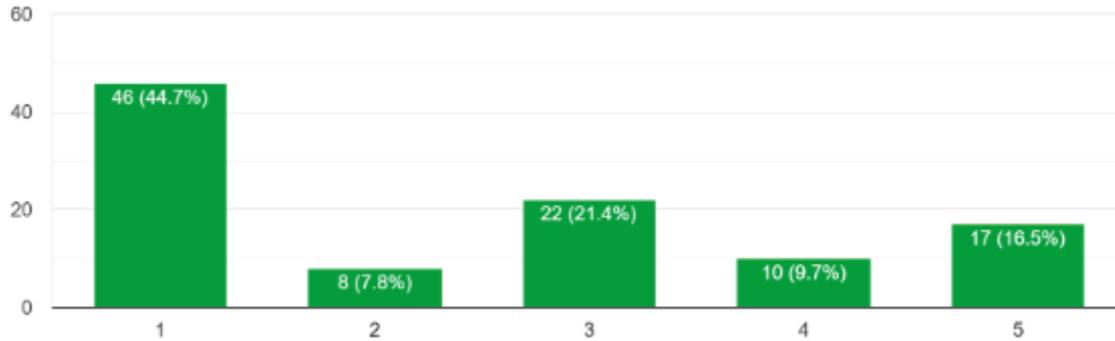


Would you be in favor of creating one or two new multi-use areas that could be used for tennis/pickleball/basketball in the area off the By Pass Road near the Town Garage?

108 responses



The committee is currently thinking of two locations for the Multi-Space Area: Area One is the current location in the center of town. Location Two is the Ball Field location on Back Rd.



1 2 3 4 5

A choice closer to (1) means you
replacing the old clay courts with
new multiuse courts in that location



A choice closer to (5) means you
prefer building a new facility in the
ball field area near the town garage.

Lots of narrative input:

- While I would enjoy seeing pickleball introduced in Weld, I would also love to see the current tennis courts and playground area updated with an eye toward the future. This could be tennis, pickleball, and basketball all in one.
- A multi-use facility in the center of town would be the most appropriate location. When people drive through Weld, it would be nice to have a beautiful complex next to One School Street. I would also like to see two tennis courts with pickleball lines so you can play either sport.
- Why should the taxpayers pay for any of this in a town of less than 500 residents?

- Refurbishing the existing courts into a multi-use area would be more cost-effective.
- Multi-use courts would be amazing in the current tennis court location!
- I love the idea of upgrading our existing courts. We have already created a beautiful space on one school street, and we plan to do more. Upgrading the existing town park creates an area where the community can picnic, play and enjoy together.
- Multi-use would be ideal, but no to courts just for pickle ball.

The Plan ...
None of this is
set in stone ...
not even mud!
We are still
actively
seeking input!



Key:

A: Town Office

B: New Half Basketball Court - approx. 30' x 40'

C: Two Tennis/Pickleball Courts - approx. 100' x 105' each

D: Bridge from Town Office to Courts

E: Bridge over ditch to Lot 25-040

F: Space for Nature-based Playground Components

G: Walkway

COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES - key in everything we are doing is to complete our project using grant funding and private donations - NOT Weld taxpayers' monies!

Phase I Grant Application

During this phase, we will focus on completing the federal 'Land and Water Conservation Fund' grant application, which is due June 26, 2026, and involves collaboration with the state, fostering a sense of shared purpose and hope.

We will also be working to secure funding from additional grant sources and private donations.

In terms of actual funding during this period of time, we will need the following:

Printing of Maps & Plans	\$200
Permit By Rule (Near Houghton Brook)	\$350
Additional Cost for Town Report for color image	\$200
Total	\$750

Phase II Grant Approved Work Begins

Late 2026/2027

Total scope of Phase II

Removal of

- old, dangerous playground equipment
- old, shed
- Fence around existing tennis courts
- Large Maple Tree

Cost \$20,000

Rip Out two existing tennis courts and replace them with one tennis court, two pickleball courts, and half a basketball court. The new court will be asphalt with a sports coating. Nets are included, and painting and fencing are included.

Cost \$200,000

Total \$220,000

Phase III Grant Approved & We Secure more Funding & Energy 2027/2028

Pedestrian Bridges from Town Hall to Recreational Space Area & Court Area to One School St	\$200,000
Natural Playscape Play Area	\$100,000

Questions