

**Correspondence received by the
Concord Select Board
Week Ending – November 10, 2025**

1. Jill Colpak, 20 Concord Rd.
2. Jean and Alexander Easterday, 48 Maple St.
3. Cynthia Katz, 20 Conant Rd.

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Greetings,

I am writing to the Select Board to encourage you to continue the Residential Tax Exemption. I am a resident of Concord Greene, and the RTE does help me.

I am a retired educator, on a fixed income, but still subject to increases in medical insurance costs, food inflation, car repair and insurance increases. Our condo fees have risen, in some part due to requirements of the Natural Resources Commission, imposing regulations on us that were not in force when the property was developed, as well as the inflationary costs of maintaining our property.

I will also remind you that the Town does not need to plow our streets.

Thank you for your consideration of this as well as all the other hard work you do for Concord.

Regards,

Jill Colpak

20 Concord Greene

To Select Board members, Town Manager and Deputy Town Manager, Town Planner:

I have met with Megan Zammuto about the potential cell tower at Rideout, reported in two Concord Bridge Articles. Putting an 85 foot high, 8 feet wide cell tower in Rideout Field seems unnecessary to me and everyone I've spoken with in the neighborhood. I have NEVER had poor cell service at home in West Concord or on walks throughout West Concord. Nor have any of the neighbors I've checked with. Megan shared the town's consultant's schematics of where in West Concord there is poor coverage. If that report is accurate, and there is a significant gap in coverage, why haven't we experienced problems? Does the town have data from residents who live near Rideout/Village about their cell service to share? Are there actual significant gaps in coverage? Also, wouldn't the town need zoning relief from General Zoning Requirements to have a cell tower built at Rideout. Prior to putting out an RFP why wouldn't the town survey residents to determine and document actual gaps in coverage.

Yes, Concord Center needs better cell service. We all know that because we experience cell phone problems. You know it because people contact you about it. So I wonder why a cell tower wasn't or isn't being considered at Emerson Field? That would boost service at CCHS, a location needing increased service according to the Town, and in the center in general, an area of Concord that has continually poor, and at times non-existent cell service.

An 85 foot tall pole is more than double the current flag pole height at Rideout, let alone the 8 foot circumference, and required fencing surround. It would be an unsightly and out of scale addition to a busy, well utilized town Park, with children and adults almost constantly filling the facility. Similar to Emerson Field, it is surrounded by a dense neighborhood. Additionally, data shows that cell towers in close proximity to houses decrease their value. Our zoning laws try to protect houses from close proximity to cell towers. Why would the town want to site a tower in a Park, and neighborhood, especially when there is Town Conservation land nearby that could accommodate and "hide" an 85 foot cell tower.

Before an RFP is issued, please collect information from West Concord residents about our actual cell service so we have data about real need. Additionally, please don't wait until you have an RFP or a plan in place for public input.

There are other areas that might need boosted service in West Concord, but Rideout and its surrounds do not need it. Nor do we want such a well used Town Field to be a house for a huge out of scale tower.

Thank you, and sincerely
cynthia katz
20 Conant Street, West Concord

Dear Concord Recreation Commission,

As direct abutters to Rideout Park, we respectfully submit our signatures in the attached petition to express our collective concern about the Recreation Commission's process and proposal to convert the existing tennis courts at Rideout into dedicated pickleball courts.

While this proposal was first presented to the public at the Recreation Commission's Rideout Subcommittee meeting on October 21, 2025, we understand that **planning has been underway since January—without any meaningful community outreach or input**. It is not clear to us when and how the decision was made to conduct a study for dedicated pickleball options at Rideout less than 6 months after the **June 2024 Concord Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan recommended the addition of new pickleball courts separate from Rideout Park**.

Rideout Park has long served as a valued, multi-use facility supporting a wide range of recreational needs within the West Concord community. Residents have consistently advocated to keep this public space **inclusive and accessible to all, rather than dedicating it to a single activity**.

The current proposal—described by the Recreation Commission Chair as “**making a Pickleball Center in West Concord**” during a January 8, 2025 Subcommittee meeting—is inconsistent with that vision. Converting the existing tennis courts into dedicated pickleball courts would prioritize one group's interests over others, including tennis players, nearby residents, and those who enjoy peaceful outdoor recreation.

While neighbors have not filed formal noise complaints about pickleball at Rideout, this should not be interpreted as an absence of impact. Many have taken steps—such as installing solid fencing—to try to help mitigate sound, demonstrating our willingness to coexist and support diverse recreational uses. However, **altering the current court configuration would place additional strain on the surrounding neighborhood**, which has already worked in good faith to accommodate existing pickleball activity.

We respectfully request that the Recreation Commission direct the Subcommittee to address the immediate need of resurfacing the existing courts at Rideout and defer any new plans for dedicated pickleball courts until a full, town-wide court assessment and recommendation are completed.

Thank you for your attention and for considering the voices of those of us who live, work from home, and play at Rideout Park.

Sincerely,
Rideout Park Surrounding Neighbors

CC:

- Leigh Jackson, Recreation Director; please distribute to:
 - Concord Recreation Committee
 - Concord Recreation Committee's Rideout Subcommittee
- Elizabeth Hughes, Town Planner; please distribute to:
 - West Concord Advisory Committee
 - Community Preservation Committee
- Kerry Lafleau, Town Manager
- Concord Select Board

Retain Existing Tennis Court Configuration at Rideout Playground Petition











We, the undersigned neighbors of Rideout Playground, support resurfacing the existing tennis courts at Rideout to maintain their safety and usability. However, we do not support converting these multiuse courts into dedicated pickleball-only courts, consistent with the recommendation of the June 2024 Concord Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan.

This change would significantly alter the character of the playground without a comprehensive town-wide study of recreational needs, noise impacts, parking, lighting, and neighborhood compatibility.

We urge the Recreation Commission to:

1. Proceed only with resurfacing the current courts;
2. Preserve Rideout's shared tennis and pickleball use; and
3. Conduct a full town-wide assessment before considering any permanent changes.

Signatures:

	Name	Signature	Address
1	Margaret Gaudet		602 Maple St Concord
2	Eild Karr		82 Lewis Brook Rd Concord
3	David Karr		82 Lewis Brook Rd Concord
4	ROBERT WILDMER		31 Lewis Brook Rd Concord
5	Michelle Windheim		31 Lewis Brook Rd Concord
6	Sumi Fasolo		28 Conant St. Concord
7	Lisa DeBora		34 Conant St Concord
8	Carol Webster		46 Conant St Concord
9	Rein DeBora		70 Conant St Concord
10	Carlynn Stapp Hunt		70 Lewis Brook Rd Concord

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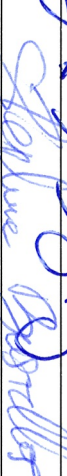


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1	Natalie Francaeur		45 Conant Street
2	Caitlin Sweeney		17B LANS BROOK RD.
3	Carl Sweeney		17B LANS BROOK RD.
4	Laura Tilus-Karhonen		18 Maple Street
5	CHRISTOPHER SWEZZI		35 Maple Street
6	J. MATHAN SERRA		38 Maple Street
7	Ann Sgarzi		33 Maple Street
8	Stefanie BUSTIUSO		28 Maple Street
9	Lily Sonis		38 Maple St
10	Alicia Hernandez		62 Conant St

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1	Jean Easterday		45 Maple St Concord
2	AL EASTMANN		48 MAIZE ST. CONCORD MA
3	Pamela Spontz		41 Maple St. Concord MA
4	Joseph A. Koontz		41 Maple Street Concord, MA
5	Joseph A. Koontz, JR		41 Maple Street Concord, MA
6	ANTRI KORHONEN		18 Maple St Concord, MA
7	Mike Feltz		15 Myra St, Concord MA
8	Emily Huntley		17A Laws Brook Rd, Concord, MA
9	Jacqie Dunn		26 Laws Brook Rd, Concord
10	Agathe Wierzbicki		20 Conant St. W. Concord

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1	HELEN McLAUGHLIN	Helen M. Laughlin	41 Maple Street
2	Dane / Stephanie	[Signature]	20 Conant Street
3	MARK BARBERS	Mark Barbers	48 LAWS BROOK RD.
4	Amid Barbers	Amid Barbers	418 Laws Brook Rd
5	Kem Natalie D	Kemell Natalie D	54 Laws Brook Rd
6	Lynnda Olsen	Lynnda Olsen	54 Laws Brook Rd
7	GERTRUDE DERUZZO	76 LAWS BROOK RD	BORTONDA DR RINGG
8	Archi Rio	[Signature]	86 Laws Brook Rd
9	Arthur C. Ellis	Arthur C. Ellis	97 Laws Brook Rd.
10	Tina McHenry	[Signature]	33 Conant Street

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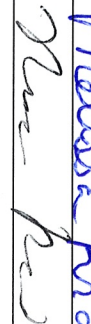
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1	Patricia Cross		80 Compton St
2	Melissa Keel		36 Lewis Brook Rd
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1	PAUL DE RIZZO		76 LAWS BRACK ROAD
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