

**To: Granite City Electric Supply Company**

**Re: Ames Street Softball Fields, Sharon Massachusetts**

**Date: May 11, 2006**

**The Town of Sharon has a recreational softball program for girls in grades kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We currently have over 225 girls involved in this program. Originally, this program was funded and coordinated by the Town of Sharon. However, as of this year, the program is entirely funded by the Sharon Youth Baseball and Softball Association (SYBSA).**

**SYBSA was formed in 1987 to help support the town sponsored baseball and softball programs in Sharon, Massachusetts. Over the course of the last 20+ years SYBSA has provided enhancements to both the town owned baseball and softball fields – a total of 9 fields. In the past few years, the girls' recreational softball program has consistently registered over 220 girls. Because of the increase in numbers and the development of a competitive softball program, we now sponsor 3 Summer travel teams for ages 9-15 and a Fall recreational softball program. Both the town Department of Public Works and SYBSA have worked to refurbish the fields next to the Ames Street Playground for the softball program. Over the past 5 years, the 4 fields, all with dirt infields, have been edged, groomed and the grass outfields seeded. The town has also allowed SYBSA to convert an existing building into a snack shack which in the past 2 years has raised over \$5000, all of which has been diverted back into the softball program. SYBSA also purchased and installed scoreboards for two of our fields and a net batting cage.**

**The addition of a lighted field would allow us to use that field for longer than natural light allows. With our expanded numbers, we often have a crunch for field space. The fields are adjacent to the town playground and the sight of a field lit up would draw families to the field to watch the games and support all our softball players. The lighted field would also create positive spirit regarding the softball program. There is nothing more exciting for a child than playing a game “under the lights”! Please consider providing “lights” for one of our fields at the Ames Street Fields in Sharon, Massachusetts and then come down some night for sunflower seeds and slush as you watch our girls play a game “under the lights”!**

**Sincerely submitted by –**

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Secretary - SYBSA**

