



TOWN OF SOUTHPORT

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Memo

To: Town Board

From: Cemetery Commission

Date: February 3, 2025

Re: Fitzsimmons Cemetery Recommendations

The Cemetery Commission is recommending that the Town Board consider contacting James Porter, the owner of 1407 Maple Ave. in regards to purchasing vacant property adjoining the current Fitzsimmons Cemetery for future expansion. This parcel is currently one parcel so any proposed purchase would include the expense of surveying and subdivision in addition to the purchase price.

The Commission also approved the recommendation to hire Richard Seeley as the Cemetery Overseer. This is a contracted position which renews yearly, we currently have not had an overseer since 2019 and the responsibility has fallen to the Town Clerk's office. If the Town Board agrees with this recommendation we will present a proposed contract at the March 2025 meeting for consideration.



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January 29, 2025

Mr. Joseph Roman, Town Supervisor
Town of Southport, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Elmira, NY 14904

Dear Mr. Roman,

The following outlines the Southport Cinderella Softball league's (SCS) progress, challenges, and plans for the upcoming 2025 season. We deeply appreciate the ongoing support from the Town of Southport and are excited to share our vision for the future.

Our mission remains steadfast: to provide a first-class softball program fostering skill development, character-building, physical fitness, and lasting friendships for girls age 4-14 in the Southport and surrounding areas. The spring recreational league remains our cornerstone program, designed to be inclusive and welcoming to all skill levels, regardless of financial background or physical abilities. Our primary focus is ensuring every girl enjoys the game of softball.

While we experienced significant growth since our inception in 2008 (from 66 participants to a peak of 188 in 2013), participation numbers fluctuated between 2014 and 2018 (168, 158, 155, 149, and 121 respectively). The impact of the covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021 further challenged participation. However, we're pleased to report a resurgence in recent years, with 110 participants in 2022, 115 in 2023 and 123 in 2024.

This positive trend is encouraging, yet we acknowledge the increasing competition from the regional travel programs. These programs have significantly expanded over the past 15 years, growing from approximately 1-2 teams to 8-10 teams currently. To address this challenge and maintain our strong position within the community, we are exploring several strategic initiatives for the 2025 and beyond:

*****Enhanced program outreach:****We will implement a robust marketing and outreach strategy to attract new participants and reaffirm our commitment to inclusivity.

*****Program diversification:****We're investigating the expansion of our program offerings to cater to a wider range of player interest and skill levels, potentially including specialized clinics and advanced training opportunities.

*****Community partnership**** We plan to further strengthen our relationship with local organizations and businesses to enhance our programs resources and visibility.

We believe that by adapting to the changing landscape of youth sports and focusing on our core values, the Southport Cinderella Softball League will continue to thrive and provide a positive and enriching experience for the girls in our community. We welcome further discussions and collaboration as we work towards a successful 2025 season.

Southport Cinderella also continues the trend of setting new milestones by hosting multiple all-star tournaments in every age group. Whenever we are fortunate enough to host a tournament on our softball field's one remark heard from other teams is the quality of our fields. That says a lot about the Town's grounds crew that works together to maintain them each and every year.

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We are currently four weeks into this year's program with 6-7 new kids signing up each week to shake the winter blues and work on softball skills. We throw in a few fun games to keep them always interested. We have been very fortunate with the help from our great volunteers who show up each week to help in the girls sharpen their skill each week. This year we started the winter clinics back up on January 8th. We are all very excited for this upcoming season.

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In conclusion, Southport Cinderella Softball has become a year round endeavor and continues its drive towards establishing a premier program. The baseline commitment is to have fun and build first class excellence in character, teamwork, sportsmanship, and skill sets by encompassing multiple programs to accommodate the varying needs and abilities of all our young female athletes. In order to help us accomplish our goals, we are requesting \$7,500 from the Town of Southport to cover the cost of equipment and supplies that increase annually. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support in this league.

Respectfully,

Mitch Gleckner, President