RE: Norse Park Field

To Whom It May Concern,

The Stoughton Merchant's Home Talent Baseball Team would like to ask permission to use Norse Park to play our Sunday home schedule on. This request is made for a number of reasons.

First, we would like to expand our role in the community. One role we are discussing is to hold a Stoughton Merchants Baseball Clinic in 2011 with free admission up to a certain amount of registrants. We have seen the number of attendants to our baseball games drop year after year, and we would like to change that. Along with holding a baseball clinic we would give free hot dogs and/or soda to little league players that show up in a little league jersey.

Secondly, along with trying to expand our role in the community Norse Park has much better facilities for families who would like to attend our home games. A number of team members have recently had children, and with the park and bathroom facilities on site it will make it much easier for children and parents/spouses to attend games.

Lastly, in the near future we would like to be able to attain a liquor license in order to sell beer at our home games. This would also allow us to raise revenues as well as gain attendance. Both of these things will directly help the park because the more we can generate the more we can put back into the upkeep and maintenance of the field. Stoughton has recently spent a good amount on rehabilitating Norse Park, and by allowing us to use this diamond we will in turn take care of its general upkeep.

Now to address some problems that arose in the past with Home Talent Baseball playing at Norse Park. One problem was that homes in the area were being hit with baseballs. This is minimized today because Home Talent Baseball no longer uses aluminum bats. Wood bats are used, and with the use of wood bats instead of aluminum the velocity and distance a player can hit the ball is greatly reduced. Also, the purchase of a taller net for right field can be discussed to further minimize homes being hit.

Another problem that has been raised is the general volume and use of the restrooms on site. Because we will only be using this field a maximum of twice a week the overall rise in restroom use will not be a factor. The usage amounts will be equivalent to a family hosting a birthday party or reunion at the shelter.