
ARTICLE 10

TENTH ARTICLE

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To see if the Town will vote to name the baseball diamond located at the northwest corner of Brookline's Warren Field, 133 Eliot Street, Brookline, to "**Campagna Diamond**," effective no later than January 1, 2026, or act on anything relative thereto.

PETITIONER'S ARTICLE DESCRIPTION

This warrant article asks Town Meeting to consider naming the baseball diamond at Brookline's Warren Field to honor one of the state's coaching legends, Brookline's Joseph Campagna. The Petitioner proposes the name of the baseball diamond at Warren Field be named, "**Campagna Diamond**."

Joe Campagna, until recently a lifelong resident of Brookline, has had an outsized impact on generations of the Town's youth. Teaching the game of baseball for over three decades, Coach Campagna's career spanned coaching Little Leaguers who were just learning that life isn't always fair to coaching and advising young men and women about to move forward with their post high-school lives. Further, to limit his influence to just baseball would not do Joe justice, for his background includes coaching youth football and hockey. But baseball has always been his passion and, even today and after his retirement from coaching, Coach Campagna hosts a summer baseball camp focused on improving the skills of Brookline's young people.

His high school coaching career began as the Varsity Baseball Coach at Trinity High School in Newton while simultaneously coaching The Brookline High Freshman football team and serving as the BHS Assistant Varsity Football Coach. In 1993, Coach Campagna became the Varsity Baseball Coach at Brookline High School and carved his name into local baseball history until 2020. Almost three decades of coaching baseball and teaching life lessons, while receiving regional recognition and a plethora of awards.

These awards include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1996 D-1 Coach of the Year by The Boston Globe
- 2015 Mass Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame
- 2018 Brookline High School Athletic Hall of Fame
- 2020 Brookline High Coach of the Year
- Bay State Conference Lifetime Achievement Award

In addition to coaching, some of you may know Joe Campagna as the long-time sports reporter for the *Brookline Tab*. He has also served as the Brookline High School Assistant Athletic Director and was a member of the school's Hall of Fame Committee. For the last

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11 years of his coaching career, Coach Campagna was the Bay State League Baseball Coordinator.

SELECT BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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