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To the Hingham Planning Board :

Consider this - two situations are epidemic

In America :

-Seniors are lonely

- teens and young adults are glued to their phones.

Wouldn't it be nice if we had a remedy for this?

Hey- how about a sport that could be played by families, young adults and seniors alike?

One that would combine exercise and getting outside in the fresh air? One that takes a minimum of expensive equipment and can be learned in a relatively short time? And on top of this - people could easily make new friends and connections with others in their own communities ?

Hey -how about this thing called Pickleball?

I started playing pickleball in 2016 by taking

Inexpensive lessons at Hingham Rec .

I wore shorts and T-shirts I already owned

And bought shoes and a paddle at Dicks

sporting goods . (Total investment \$150). I played at Cronin Field, Plymouth River and later , at Hull's free courts . I met lots of people.

We got addicted. When it got cold ,

we bought long underwear and continued to play outside when there wasn't snow on the ground.

Flash forward 10 years:

I now have a group of about 75 pickleball acquaintances, and a core group Of 12 women who have formed both a book group and Mah Jongg group from friends we met playing pickleball.

When my husband and I get together with our adult children this summer , we plan to play pickleball.
(my son was the pickleball champion In his high school gym class back in 2008 at Hingham High School).

It sounds corny to say that Pickleball has changed my life, but it truly has, and it's done the same thing for so many other people.

There are many expensive items on the agenda for Hingham but hey, the cost/benefit to this one is real. Build the courts and improve the quality of life for citizens of Hingham for generations to come.

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