

ARTIFICIAL TURF RESOLUTION

Councilors Block, Malakie, Downs, Humphrey, Kelley, and Wright support the following resolution:

Whereas artificial turf contains toxic materials that are hazardous to the health of athletes and the environment; and

Whereas artificial turf can attain temperatures 20 to 50 degrees hotter than natural grass creating a likely health hazard for athletes and other users; and

Whereas the following environmental organizations oppose the use of artificial turf: Green Newton, City of Newton Sustainable Materials Management Commission, Charles River Watershed Association, and the Massachusetts Sierra Club;

Therefore, the City Council adopts the following Resolution:

- Plans to install artificial turf at Albemarle field be suspended and removed from the Capital Improvement Plan, and
- The designated \$2.2 million of ARPA funds be used for other purposes, and
- The Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department develop a plan for maintenance and use of existing natural grass fields that minimizes the need for artificial turf fields, and
- The City of Newton provides the City Council with independent confirmation of where and how Newton's old artificial turf, including its components, is being recycled and whether contractual requirements are being met.