

From: [Alan Gordon](#)
To: [Lara Kritzer](#)
Subject: Turf fields
Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 8:26:03 AM

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Dear Community Preservation Committee,
c/o CPC Clerk: Lara Kritzer lkritzer@newtonma.gov

I urge you to withhold any and all monies from the Athletic Fields Improvement Plan, which includes \$2,148,338.25 for artificial turf at Albemarle Field.

The University of Lowell's Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI) has documented that artificial turf is a poor choice both for health and safety, and for a city's finances. The City needs to act on the citizen's petition to obtain a third party analysis of the health, safety, environmental and fiscal risks of artificial turf compared to professionally managed organically managed fields.

I have played a lot of soccer in the past, and I also spent a number of years coaching my kids for Newton Youth Soccer and Newton Girls Soccer and also several years on the board of NYS. Fields were always an issue, I get it. The turf fields provided an option for practice and games even when other fields were closed due to wet weather. However, I certainly prefer to play on a grass field. Turf fields can be harder on my joints and certainly get much hotter on warm days. And now that I know more, I am also seriously concerned about the human and environmental health impacts of turf fields.

We thank you for your dedication to allocating funds for recreation and open space in an equitable, responsible and fiscally prudent way. Please also include a high standard for the health of our children and the quality of our environment.

Thank you,

Alan Gordon

From: [Andrew Thompson](#)
To: [Lara Kritzer](#)
Subject: Albemarle turf
Date: Friday, April 7, 2023 6:46:25 PM

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Dear Community Preservation Committee,
c/o CPC Clerk: Lara Kritzer

As a resident of the adjacent neighborhood, I urge you to withhold any and all monies from the Athletic Fields Improvement Plan, which includes \$2,148,338.25 for artificial turf at Albemarle Field. I sincerely believe Newton cannot afford to install more turf, including at that site.

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Thank you for your consideration,
Andrew Thompson
37 Randlett Park, West Newton

From: [Naomi Myrvaagnes](#)
To: [Lara Kritzer](#)
Subject: re artificial turf
Date: Friday, April 7, 2023 3:58:57 PM

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Dear Ms. Kritzer,

I am writing to reaffirm my concern about allocating any funding for artificial turf at Albemarle or elsewhere until adequate information on safety and future disposal costs is available. This is a lot of money. The last thing Newton wants is future liability or toxic material disposal cost burdens.

I believe that other municipalities are planning to care for their athletic fields by organic management of vegetable material. Information on this should be weighed during the discussion of how to move forward.

Thank you.

Naomi Myrvaagnes
59 Morseland Ave.
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From: [Laya Steinberg](#)
To: [Lara Kritzer](#)
Subject: artificial turf funding
Date: Friday, April 7, 2023 2:09:09 PM

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Sincerely,

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