

Dear Select Board,

I am writing in support of Warrant Article #12 calling for a moratorium on the installation of artificial turf fields on town-owned lands. As you know, we are planning a town-wide forum on this topic for April 11, 2023. This forum will allow for the dissemination of information and Q&A from the public but will not "decide" the issue of artificial turf fields in Arlington. Given the complexity of the issues surrounding artificial turf fields, including but not limited to environmental issues, public health and safety issues, cost, and impacts to climate change resilience and sustainability, I think the current "moratorium" through June 30, 2023, enacted through the Town Manager's memorandum of January 3, 2023, is an insufficient amount of time for the study period.

I support the recommendation to form a study group and strongly believe that a minimum of a year would be required to allow this group to thoroughly investigate all the issues and get multiple stakeholders' inputs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

**Susan D. Chapnick**

Submitting as a Resident and Conservation Commissioner

2 Farmers Circle

Arlington, MA 02474

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Dear Select Board Members,

As a member of Arlington Mothers Out Front, I respectfully ask you to allow discussion and a vote at Town Meeting on Article 12, which asks for a three-year moratorium on the installation of artificial turf on town land:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a moratorium by bylaw or otherwise, on the construction or installation of any artificial or synthetic turf on any land owned by the Town for a three-year period beginning on May 1, 2023 and ending on May 1, 2026 to allow further study of the cost effectiveness, safety, environmental impact; and further to establish a study group to conduct such

As Article 12 states, we need further study on the cost effectiveness, safety and environmental impact of artificial or synthetic turf before it is installed in Arlington.

Sincerely,

Alicia Russell

21 Hopkins Rd,

Arlington, MA

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Dear Select Board,  
I support a ban on artificial turf fields in Arlington.

*Evelyn Ginsparg*

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Dear Select Board Members,

I'm an Arlington resident emailing to express support for your moving to allow Town Meeting to discuss and vote on Article 12, which requests a three-year moratorium on installing artificial turf on town land:

I'm concerned that plastic turf puts kids at greater risk of injury than grass fields do, contains various toxins, and isn't recyclable, thus over time creating huge amounts of plastic waste. It's not clear to me that the maintenance benefits of turf, if any, outweigh its known downsides. But it is clear that moving Article 12 along would be prudent, giving the town a much-needed chance to thoroughly consider the pros and cons in this matter.

Cordially,  
David Stipp  
Precinct 8 resident  
Arlington, MA

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