

2/13/24

Re Ballot question, turf/grass

To the members of the WT Selectboard

Cindy, Jess and Skipper,

I would like to reiterate and amplify the comments expressed in Ginny Jones' letter to your board, and urge you to keep the turf/grass question on the ballot.

To date, an astonishingly tiny number of people have actually enjoyed the opportunity to vote on this issue; the high school committee voted by only a 5-4 margin to move forward with artificial turf. During DRI review at the MV commission, a condition proposed by MVC to prohibit artificial turf failed when it deadlocked in an 8-8 vote; the ensuing vote on the project itself was 10-6 in favor. A vote by the OB planning board, tied at 2-2, resulted in a 'no' vote on artificial turf.

Most significant was the vote at the 2023 WT ATM, when a motion to zero out the high school portion of the town budget - as a means of protesting that school committee's decision to remove previously agreed upon spending limits to their legal fees (in appealing the OB planning board decision) - was approved unanimously.

Please give us the opportunity to vote; we should have had such an opportunity years ago.

Thank you,  
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