

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

For the full Advisory Committee report on Warrant Article 24, see the “master report” included with the report on Warrant Article 23.

Recommendation:

By a vote of 15-7-1 the Advisory Committee recommends **Referral** of Article 24 to the Task Force identified in Article 23, with the understanding that the maintenance and replacement of the artificial turf installed prior to the adoption of this resolution, including Skyline Park and Soule Recreation, may proceed.

VOTED:

To refer the subject matter of Article 24 to the Athletic Field Surface Task Force, appointed pursuant to Article 23 at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, with the understanding that maintenance or replacement of synthetic/artificial turf that has been installed and is existing prior to the adoption of this resolution, including, but not limited to, the artificial turf fields at Skyline Park and at Soule Recreation, is permitted.

ARTICLE 24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTES

Article Description	Referral Motion — Moratorium on Synthetic Turf
AC recommendation (Favorable Action unless indicated)	15-7-1
Scott Ananian	Y
Carla Benka	Y
Ben Birnbaum	Y
Harry Bohrs	Y
Cliff Brown	Y
John Doggett	Y
Katherine Florio	Y
Harry Friedman *	
David-Marc Goldstein	A
Neil Gordon	N
Susan Granoff	Y
Kelly Hardebeck	Y
Anita Johnson	N
Georgia Johnson	
Alisa Jonas	N
Janice Kahn	N
Carol Levin	Y
Pam Lodish	Y
Linda Olson Pehlke	N
Donelle O’Neal, Sr.	
David Pollak	Y
Stephen Reeders	Y
Carlos Ridruejo	N
Lee Selwyn	N
Alok Somani	Y
Christine Westphal	Y
Dennis Doughty	
* Chairperson does not vote except to break a tie	

APPENDIX

ARTICLE 24, as amended by the Petitioner

To see if the Town will amend the General Bylaws by adding the following Article:

ARTICLE 8.X ARTIFICIAL TURF SURFACES

ARTICLE 8.X.1 DEFINITIONS

"Synthetic/artificial turf" means any of various artificial, synthetic or partially synthetic carpet-like materials made to resemble natural grass used as a surface for athletics, sports or other recreational activities.

"Targeted PFAS testing" uses EPA approved Methods such as 533, 537.1 and others that are appropriate to solid materials to detect specific PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).

"Total organic fluorine test" refers to any test that measures total fluorine such as Total Organic Fluorine (TOF) Assay.

ARTICLE 8.X.2 RESTRICTIONS

(a) The Town of Brookline shall neither install nor authorize or allow the installation of synthetic/artificial turf on any property owned by the Town, for a period of three years from the effective date of this moratorium. This moratorium shall not apply to the maintenance or replacement of any synthetic/artificial turf field that has been installed and is existing prior to the adoption of this bylaw amendment.

(b) Beginning June 1, 2025, any new artificial turf field on Town property must be free of organic fluorine as attested by the supplier, and determined by total organic fluorine test and targeted PFAS testing conducted by an independent laboratory acceptable to the Town of Brookline.

(c) Beginning June 1, 2030, any replacement artificial turf field on Town property must be free of organic fluorine as attested by the supplier, and determined by total organic fluorine test and targeted PFAS testing conducted by an independent laboratory acceptable to the Town of Brookline.

ARTICLE 8.X.3 SEVERABILITY

If any provision(s) of this article is held to be invalid, such provision(s) shall be severable and the remaining sections shall be valid.

or act on anything relative thereto.