

THE TURF FIELD PROJECT: KEY INFORMATION/HIGHLIGHTS

The FY24 budget includes a capital assessment of \$449,050 for Design, Engineering & Permitting of turf fields through a free cash appropriation, if approved at Town Meeting through a separate Warrant Article. The Masconomet School Committee & Turf Up Masco (a private group that has committed to privately fundraise to support turf field projects) joined in partnership for this project, which includes two multi-purpose turf fields and related amenities such as a stadium, seating, concession stand, bathrooms, and outdoor lighting.

We are not seeking Tri-Town approval or funding for the *construction* of turf fields at Masco at this time. This funding request is to move the project through *permitting*. We will make decisions relative to construction once permitting is achieved and fundraising is underway. At that point, we will have information about what materials will be used and also what the Boxford Conservation Commission requires from the plan.

For more info on the Turf Project:

- www.turfupmasco.org
- <https://www.masconomet.org/Page/914>

The Turf Field Project: Frequent Q & A's

Question: If the turf project is supposed to be 100% privately fundraised, why are we asking the town for money now?

Answer: Having this as a town warrant article achieves two important goals: 1. it allows the community be part of the process involved with bringing turf fields to Masco. 2. so far, donor commitments are contingent upon permitting, and this warrant article allows that prerequisite step to be achieved.

Question: Is turf safe?

Answer: The safety of turf at Masco is of highest importance for our students and for the watershed. This design and permitting process will allow us to explore the safest options on the market. A sustainability policy adopted by the School Committee will inform those choices when the time comes.

