

“300 Days” Initiative

Alternative Funding Plan for a Synthetic Turf Field



“When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this - **you haven’t**”

-Thomas A. Edison

Why are we still pursuing a Turf Field?

- Most MIAA schools with similar enrollment have at least 1 turf field
- A turf field is a tremendous asset for the district and community
- Provides 300 days of use for 14 of our sports teams

An Artificial Turf Field is the #1 capitol need of the NMRHS Athletic Department

Alternative Funding Plan

- **The Athletic Department has developed a plan to fund an artificial turf field independently**
- **Key elements include:**
 - Financed through the tax-exempt municipal lease
 - Funding within the operational budget of the Athletic Department
 - Minimal coordination with the high school building project
 - Increased annual revenues through ticket sales & rentals
 - User fee supplement for sports which use the field (similar to ice time fees for hockey)

Financing Plan

- Tax-exempt Municipal Lease
- Purchase option at payout (\$1)
- Initial estimate for field is \$450,000 installed (includes interest)
- 10 year lease to purchase plan - \$45,000 annual payment

Revenue Plan to Support Turf

Anticipated Revenue from Ticket Sales (High School Varsity):

Sport	Home Games on Turf	Anticipated Gate Per Game	Total Anticipate Gate
Boys Soccer	4-5*	\$600-\$700	\$2,400-\$3,500
Girls Soccer	4-5*	\$500-\$600	\$2,000-\$3,000
Field Hockey	8-10*	\$400-\$500	\$3,200-\$5,000
Boys Lacrosse	8-10*	\$800-\$1,000	\$6,400-\$10,000
Girls Lacrosse	8-10*	\$400-\$500	\$3,200-\$5,400
Football	5-6*	\$3,000-\$3,500	\$15,000-\$21,000
			\$29,600-\$44,400

*This figure does not include potential MIAA District Games (post-season & neutral-site games)

Revenue Plan to Support Turf

Sport	Additional Fee	Anticipated Registrations	Additional Funds fr
Boys Soccer	\$25	40	\$1,000
Girls Soccer	\$25	40	\$1,000
Field Hockey	\$75	40	\$3,000
Boys Lacrosse	\$75	40	\$3,000
Girls Lacrosse	\$75	50	\$3,750
Football	\$75	50	\$3,750
Spring Track	\$25	80	\$2,000
			\$17,500

- Similar to hockey user fee – potential to increase user fees for turf sports to support the costs

Additional Options

- **Adjust line items within the Revolving Athletic Account to support this purchase.**
- **Develop naming & sponsor options for the athletic complex**
 - Potential to use the funds to start an Athletic Endowment to support future upgrades to our facilities
- **Use of E&D to support the turf field**
 - If available, use of E&D funds in FY20 and 21 could reduce the annual financing costs significantly

Next Steps

- **With School Committee approval, next steps include:**
 - Issue a “*stop work order*” to the high school building contractor to stop work on the sod football field (track construction will continue)
 - Per MGL, the turf field will be put out to bid
 - Once the track, stands, etc. are complete, the turf field will be constructed in coordination with the project.

**Hopeful...that construction will be complete
in time for the Fall 2018 Season.**

Anticipated Questions:

- **Equipment needed for Basic Maintenance Services:**
 - There is no need to purchase any equipment
 - All Basic Maintenance can be contracted out for about **\$6,000/year**.
 - Deep grooming, deep cleaning, line repair, seam repair, infill replenishment, line striping, brushing, and snow-plowing
- **Infill Options:**
 - SBR Rubber Infill (best for the Northeast & included in base-price)
 - Organic Infill (natural materials +\$100,000)
 - EPDM (alternative rubber +\$80,000-\$200,000 *based on quality*)