



**Town of Southborough**  
**Board of Health**  
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**Minutes of the Southborough Board of Health**

Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2023 – Board of Health Joint Meeting with Northborough Board of Health and School Department –Virtual – 7:00 pm

**Present:**

Southborough Board of Health Members: Chelsea Malinowski, Dr. Safdar Medina, Nancy Sacco; Public Health Director, Dr. Heather Alker; Public Health Nurse, Taylor West; Northborough Board of Health Members: Glenn French, Theresa Capobianco, Swati Sane, Lisa Johnson; Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Keith Lavoie; Gale Associates Senior Project Manager, Kathy Hervol; Regional School Committee Members Co-Chairs: Paul Desmond, David Roman

**Opening:**

Representing the Southborough Board of Health – Ms. Malinowski called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.  
Representing the Northborough Board of Health – Mr. French called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Topic: Discussion of Algonquin Athletic Complex Proposal as It Relates to Turf**

**Discussion:** Ms. Hervol and Mr. Lavoie provided information and answered questions about the project. Envirofill will be used to replace the grass in two fields and on the tennis courts. Envirofill is an alternative fill created with acrylic coated round sand and infused Microban Technology. The layers will consist of a stone base, shock pad, Envirofill, and synthetic turf. The field will be tested every year for 8 years. The school will get a “groomer” to assist with maintenance. A schedule will be put together for sanitizing the fields throughout the year. The field can get hot in extreme temperatures but not as hot as tire crumb can get. Quick Connect (hose bib) will be provided to hook up to sprinklers to help keep the field cooler. The 8-year warranty includes GMAX (ability of the playing surface to absorb impact and HIC tests (softness) for injury/concussion protocol.

The fields need to be replaced with artificial turf because of the enormous amount of use they get. It is not possible to maintain the grass fields. The school will have a field maintenance/replacement fund. The turf being used is recyclable. It is very costly to install a drainage/irrigation system for a grass field. It could eventually be removed, and a grass field could be placed over the stone base. However, an irrigation system is necessary. They have found no evidence of contamination or changes to the quality of the water when tested 15-20 feet down.

The cost would be \$7.5 million – which includes grandstands, walkways, lighting, etc. Sponsorship is possible to lessen the burden of the cost. The current grass field is unlevel and poses unsafe conditions. The turf would extend the playing season in the spring and fall.

Snow removal is possible with a pipe that is attached to the bottom of the blade (included in the price) so the turf is not ripped.

A packet of information will be provided to Northborough and Southborough.

Both Boards agree to participate with the school teams in the preparation for Town Meeting.

**Topic: Public Comment**

**Discussion:** George Campbell, Northborough resident, wanted to send a comment. Mr. Lavoie will provide him with the proper email.

Mr. French moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion and voted aye. Ms. Capobianco – aye, Ms. Sane – aye, Mr. French – aye. All in favor.

Ms. Malinowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion and voted aye. Dr. Medina – aye, Ms. Malinowski – aye. All in favor.

Respectively submitted by Barbara Spiri, Business Administrator and edited by Chelsea Malinowski.