

Arlington Town Meeting — Motion to Amend

Article No. 12

Dated: 5/3/2023

I, Xavid Pretzer, do hereby submit the following Motion to Amend under Article 12:

To amend the Melofchik Substitute Motion by adding the following after point A as point B under "Moratorium" and renumbering the remaining point appropriately:

B. This moratorium shall not apply to artificial turf that has been determined to be free of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and PFAS precursors by an independent laboratory not affiliated with the turf manufacturer.

Comment:

A variety of PFAS have been found in artificial turf, and the EPA has linked exposure to PFAS, even in very small quantities, to increased risks for cancer, liver damage, and other negative health effects. Thus, concerns about exposing children, neighboring residents, and our environment to higher levels of PFAS must be taken seriously. While some artificial turf is marketed as PFAS-free, in some cases, such as in Portsmouth, NH, independent testing has found PFAS in turf marketed as PFAS-free. Given the high demand for playing fields in Arlington and the health and other benefits of the ability for our youth to participate in sports, banning artificial turf entirely may be overly limiting; however, it is prudent to ensure that any turf that is installed does not expose our children and our environment to dangerous chemicals. Given that laboratory testing for PFAS is available, that seems to be the best way to evaluate this.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Xavid Pretzer

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Date Voted: _____

Action Taken: _____