

**Town of Winchester
2017 Special Town Meeting**



Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:35PM
Winchester High School Auditorium

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the design, permitting, and construction of synthetic turf athletic fields consisting of a baseball diamond and a rectangular multi-purpose field at Skillings Field, including lighting conduits, original equipment and landscaping, and all other costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

MOTION:

MOVED AND SECONDED that \$2,339,608 is appropriated for the design, permitting, and construction of synthetic athletic turf fields consisting of a baseball diamond and a rectangular multi-purpose field at Skillings Field, including lighting conduit, original equipment and landscaping, and all other costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$2,339,608 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Town Manager is authorized to have oversight of said project; that in accordance with Section 4-2 of the Winchester Home Rule Charter the Town Manager shall have the authority to enter into contracts and approve payments with respect to said project; and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

BACKGROUND:

The Town has considered over the last several years the installation of a synthetic multi-purpose field at Skillings Field. In spring of 2015 Town Meeting approved funding for the environmental remediation and the installation of a third culvert at Skillings Field. This work is nearing completion and on March 28, 2017 the voters passed a debt exclusion override for the funding of the synthetic field. The bond payments to cover this expenditure would be paid for outside of the limitations of Proposition 2½.

Article 1 of this Special Town Meeting appropriates the funds and authorizes the borrowing for this project.

The proposed new facility would consist of a synthetic turf baseball, softball and multi-purpose rectangular field. It will be used for baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer and field hockey. This field if approved is expected to be completed and open for spring 2018 use. The synthetic turf field would be available for use one-year before the planned grass field. Attached is the proposed budget and preliminary plan.

2/3 Vote Required



Skills Synthetic Field Pre-Design Cost Estimate

Item Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Cost	Total Cost
1 General Conditions					\$ 80,650
Bonds and Insurance	LS	1	\$ 30,650.00	\$ 30,650.00	
Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
2 Combination Baseball/Softball/Multi Use Rectangular Field					\$ 1,365,664
Strip and haul soil w/in Cap	CY	3,300	\$ 20.00	\$ 66,000.00	
Strip and haul soil not w/in Cap	CY	3,300	\$ 45.00	\$ 148,500.00	
Prepare sub-base	SY	13,295	\$ 2.25	\$ 29,913.75	
Crushed stone base under field	Ton	7,260	\$ 25.00	\$ 181,500.00	
Drainage system	LS	1	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	
Anchor curbing	LF	1,350	\$ 50.00	\$ 67,500.00	
Synthetic Turf	SF	120,000	\$ 4.50	\$ 540,000.00	
Clay pitchers mound	LS	1	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	
Backstops	LS	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Fencing/Netting	LF	1,350	\$ 55.00	\$ 74,250.00	
Dugouts (basic on grade w/ canopy)	EA	4	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	
3 Athletic Lighting System					\$ 188,000
Foundations	EA	6	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 108,000.00	
Electric Infrastructure upgrades/Conduit	LS	1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	
					Subtotal \$ 1,634,314
					Contingency (20%) \$ 326,863
					Soft Costs (10%) \$ 163,431
					Coated Silica Sand infill \$ 215,000
					Grand Total \$ 2,339,608