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May 23, 2023

Dear Malden City Council,

The Friends of Roosevelt Park request the following to be answered before the city council votes on whether or not to approve items 139 and items 140 pertaining to additional costs for the Roosevelt Park Project and the remediation of contaminated soil at the park.

1. What is the cost comparison for natural grass and artificial turf? Installation costs, maintenance costs and the cost to replace and dispose of artificial turf every 8-10 years.
2. Why hasn't an RFP been issued to determine the cost of natural grass field?
3. Is the City Council aware the artificial turf field structure is not insurable because it is in a flood plain? The question was answered by OSPCD. The City is willing to take this risk.
4. Has the Council read the GZA Environmental report which stated clearly that Roosevelt Park is key to mitigating flooding at the school and in the adjacent neighborhood? When asked what a artificial turf field would do to this area, the GZA consultant replied, it would be detrimental to the school and the neighborhood.
5. Has the Mayor, OSPCD or council reached out to Yem Lip, City Engineer, concerning the additional stormwater runoff and the neighborhood flood plain? The stormwater section of the engineering department clearly states the concerns about adequate stormwater capacity in relationship to climate change and neighborhood flooding.

Sincerely yours,  
Friends of Roosevelt Park Malden

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