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Dear Malden City Council Members,

It is my understanding that a so-called "compromise" has been discussed regarding removing three (3) feet of soil, from the Roosevelt Park site; before the artificial turf is placed over it.

Whether three (3) feet is enough, I think it is subject to some question.

More importantly, using the artificial turf, at all, is a real problem.

Below is a link to a Boston Globe Story, about the new Department of Environmental Protection, Commissioner for The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Bonnie Heiple. She makes quite clear that her two top priorities, are climate change issues, and eliminating permanent chemicals, such as PFAS, which is a substance found in most artificial turf.

After this link, I have a few additional comments, in completing my submission.

[How Massachusetts' new DEP commissioner will bring 'transparency and equity' to the agency - The Boston Globe](#)



I believe that Boston has banned further new installations of artificial turf.

There is no fundamental sense, in planning to install artificial turf, that threatens the public health of those who would be playing on it; and will eventually have to be removed, as a newer toxic substance; perhaps before its so-called "useful life" is over.

Mowing real grass, which can help reduce the heat island effect of urban neighborhoods, does

provide some employment, and some real climate benefit; to local residents, and their families, in the context of increasingly difficult rising heat Summers.

I ask the City Clerk to place this in the public record; together with the Boston Globe link.

Thank you very much.

My Very Best,

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