From: Benjamin Desaulnier <benjamindesaulnier@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 12:38 PM **To:** Public Comment; Jason Anderson

**Subject:** Turf Field Project

Town Council Members,

I am reaching out to strongly urge you to consider the turf field proposal. This town, school, and community is extremely important to me and my family. This proposal has been constructed with the best interest of our students and our community in mind.

Most of the negative comments from town members regarding the turf have to do with not wanting to see a tax increase. Well, this field is a rare chance to bring a world class facility to our great small town, with no tax increase of any kind to the members of our town. This field is something that the community can rally around and be proud of.

A turf field is a safe alternative to playing on grass where poor surface from weather can be extremely dangerous for our athletes. Let me be clear, a turf field is SAFE. Our football team played every away game, including the state championship on turf surface. I am certain if you asked the players, they would tell you they prefer the turf over the grass they played their home games on.

Other schools in our conference that we compete against (East Lyme, Montville, New London (2 fields), Norwich Free Academy, Stonington, Waterford (2 fields, plus a brand new turf softball field), Woodstock (2 fields) and now Ledyard, (whose Town Council just approved their turf field project) all have turf field facilities that benefit their programs. This is the way of the future, and in the long term it saves the schools money in maintenance and upkeep.

This would be a world class facility for football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, and more. Ability to practice outside for track, baseball, and softball in the tough months when our fields are not ready. Ability for gym class to be held when inclimate weather (rain, etc) from previous days would otherwise not allow it. Ability for brand to practice on the field without their equipment or shoes sinking into the dirt. A facility that can help our youth reach their potential in many facets. All of this, plus the once in a lifetime chance to do it at a massive discount, with absolutely NO tax increases. It is self-sustaining over time and its benefits are galore. This has been well thought out, planned, and is a no brainer my friends.

With almost 1500 signatures on the petition that circled this town, I believe it is fair to say that the members of our community (school community and town community) have spoken in favor of this project. When we voted last fall, we the citizens of this town wanted leaders who would represent our interests and act on projects/policies that we support. I am proud of this town and it's leaders, and I'm hoping that you all can see the benefits of this great opportunity to get this field accomplished with no tax increases.

Again, I urge you to please consider all the benefits of this amazing opportunity to add an outstanding facility. We ask our kids to be the hardest workers, grow up to be outstanding leaders, and represent our school community and town the the right way. Please do this for them, they are the ones who deserve it.

Our town, and our kids, deserve this chance.

Signed,

Benjamin Desaulnier Head Baseball Coach Killingly High Class of 2016 18 Deerwood Dr Danielson, CT

From: Creswell, Lise < lise\_creswell@brown.edu>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 10:58 AM

To: Jason Anderson; Public Comment

**Subject:** Killingly Turf Field - Killingly Resident

#### Good morning,

I am writing to you today to let you know that I am in favor of the new Turf Field for Killingly High School. I am a 1985 graduate of Killingly High School and my son Jonathan Creswell will be graduating this spring. He was a 4 year member and co-captain of the 2019-20 Football Team and made our family very proud. In addition, my brother David Lucier was a 1986 graduate of Killingly High School and also a member of the football team and Captain. Both the education and athletics programs afforded to both of them by KHS made it possible for them to succeed - Jonathan will be attending Wentworth Institute of Technology in the fall, my brothers' Alma Mater.

This is a very important change for our school and the Athletics program.. it gives us a better advantage in playing teams in the western and southern parts of the state who have state of the art field facilities. I volunteered at concessions during the wrestling season and received so many compliments about our KHS school building - folks were impressed that we had such an innovative state of the art building in the Quiet Corner...let's make our field match our excellence in both the classroom and athletics programs.

Lise A. Creswell, Life Long Resident
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From: Joseph Beaudreault < JBeaudreault@gerardiinsurance.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:53 AM **To:** Jason Anderson; Public Comment

Subject: Turf Field

#### Good Morning,

I am emailing you this morning to show my support for the Turf Field project. As a former graduate of Killingly High School "Class of 1996." And with 3 children here in the town of Killingly I feel this is cost worthy. My Wife Kerri Beaudreault (Desaulnier) was a graduate of Killingly High School "Class of 1997."

I am a resident in East Killingly and two of my children currently attend St James School in Danielson. We chose to send my oldest daughter to Marianapolis Prep because of town politics that can't seem to make the right decisions at the Board of Education level. I hope that I can say that my other two children will be attending Killingly High School, but without this Turf Project being passed those chances will certainly diminish.

Thank you in advance for reviewing my email, and I hope you all vote to pass this project!

Regards, Joe Beaudreault

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From:

Elizabeth Sheldon <esheldon@snet.net>

Sent:

Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:33 AM

To:

**Public Comment** 

Subject:

Turf

We are in support of the turf field. Elizabeth D Sheldon Charles A Lee Maurice E Dion, Jr

We reside at 102 Water Street, Danielson

Thank you

Sent from my iPad

From: Joseph Norton <josephn945@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 8:20 PM

To:Jason AndersonCc:Public CommentSubject:Turf field project

As a long time resident of the Town of Killingly I have seen the Killingly athletes bring state recognition and state championships to the town. The bigger towns are continually amazed how "little' Killingly" does this. We do this with great coaching staffs, community involvement and support. Now it is time for the people in charge to step to the plate and give these athletes the top notch facilities they deserve.

Please support the turf field project and help to continue the great tradition of KHS athletics. These athletes deserve the best facilities we can give them.

This is really a "no brainer"

Joe Norton

From:

Jason Verraneault < jasonv@nstarhomeloans.com>

Sent:

Friday, May 8, 2020 8:35 AM

To:

Public Comment; Jason Anderson

Cc:

Kevin Marcoux

Subject:

Killingly High Turf Project

#### Good Morning,

I am writing to you to in support of the Killingly High School Turf field project. I feel this would be a great addition to not only the school, but the town as well. As a local business owner and member of the Chamber of Commerce and Killingly Businesses Association, I see this as a great opportunity to bring more traffic to our town. The turf field will allow the school to host more events and bigger games that will draw larger crowds. Families and spectators can see and visit all of the great businesses Killingly has to offer. Just last year, the school was on the brink of losing playoff games and having them moved to a school that had a turf field. We could now be one of those schools that gets to host more games, band competitions, and other events. We are working hard to bring more businesses to Killingly and to make it a destination town. It would be great to create more traffic year round.

As a parent of students in Pomfret, a new sending town, I can also see this as an opportunity to enhance Killingly High School even more and draw more children from the surrounding towns. My daughter will be attending as a Freshman next year. Allowing the students to play at their school instead of traveling would also be convenient for the parents and students alike. Killingly is already and amazing school and this would only make it better and more inviting.

From the information I have seen, the addition of the turf field would not increase taxes to the people of Killingly and would cost less to maintain over the coming years. There are two great opportunities for the town to capitalize on, a surplus from the previous year and a generous donation. That doesn't happen very often, if ever, and it seems like a great time to take advantage of both.

Thank you,

### Jason Verraneault President

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From:

mike fabiano <mikefabianosr@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:11 PM

To:

**Public Comment** 

Subject:

Turf field

I would like to let everyone on the town council know I am in favor of the new turf field and think it would be great for youth sports moving forward.

I also believe it would be great for taking the high school to the next level.

Thank you,

Mike Fabiano Allie Fabiano 34 Red Oak Dr, Danielson, CT 06239

From:

Tori Shippee <emmahandtorishippee12@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:43 PM

To:

**Public Comment** 

Also one adult and one child live in my house hold

From:

Tori Shippee <emmahandtorishippee12@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:43 PM

To:

**Public Comment** 

I vote yes for the new field

My name is tori Shippee Phone number ( 8603738796) Address is ( 53 quebec square Brooklyn ct , 06234 )

From:

Elizabeth Holmes < melodysmama 2006@gmail.com >

Sent:

Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:35 PM

To:

**Public Comment** 

My name is Elizabeth Holmes I vote yes to the new field for KHS I live at 60 Ballouville Rd, Dayville, CT 06241