I would like to write in opposition to the artificial turf field. On an island where multiple towns have voted to eliminate plastic bags and straws, why would we install a giant plastic field? Our community is trying to move away from plastics, microplastics and chemicals.

The claim that this field is recyclable is not true. It is a false claim. Look into it. No recycling facilities for these fields exist.

The number of pesticides, chemicals, fungicides that are sprayed on this field are enormous! And the notion that the catch drain and basin will hold and catch all of these chemicals is not true. How can it during a nor-easter, or common heavy rain storm? How often is the catch basin pumped out? At what costs? By who?

The chemicals are known to kill a wide variety of animal species, from frogs to fish and shellfish. They are also the same of the same chemicals found in the airport fire department foam spray. Who will be liable for the lawsuits from these chemicals? And the potential cancer litigation (which is becoming more common). Is the high school willing to take on these unnecessary liabilities?

Choose grass. Grass is better. It's natural. Build the grass field correct, spend the same money, and it will last a lifetime.
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