

# Athletic Field Improvements

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Deer Run just became aware of the document dated March 16, 2021 regarding MVRHS Athletic Field Improvements (Amended DRI #352). We are dumbfounded, perplexed, but **certainly not surprised** at the latest intrigue, veiled threats and darn poor 'good' neighbor tactics by our "good neighbors" regarding Deer Run and referenced as "Area #1". After a decade or maybe even two decades of negotiating with MVRPS administrators, MVRHS, school committee and associates groups to replant a few trees to replace the ones that were unceremoniously ripped out leaving neighbor's privacy a thing of the past, we are finding out there are now contingency plans to possibly totally clear cut Area 1 if synthetic turf is once again rejected by the taxpayers of Martha's Vineyard.

We have attended countless meetings, written letters, met with all of you guys, toured the Deer Run borders and approved of planting a few measly trees to help with noise abatement and visuals. Now our Board has been asked to support the MVC at their latest Zoom meeting and speak to support the initiative; and, as a good neighbor, we agreed. I know that I was prepared to give a 5 minute speech this week.

You might imagine what we are thinking right now! We had to reveal this next **threat** to our neighborhood and to one of the neighbor's who is most impacted by this latest proposal. Of course he and his family were incredulous and deeply upset by this possibility (MVRHS MAY HAVE TO PURSUE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL GRASS ATHLETIC FACILITIES IN BOTH OF THESE LOCATIONS (area #1 and Area #2.). **It would mean ALL the trees and shrubbery in that area that borders his property would be clear cut.** Here we were just worried that 4 trees would be planted in that general area to help alleviate the bus noises, lighting intrusions, parking, lack of privacy for their back yard activities, track kids urinating onto our neighbor's property, PA announcements, fan noise, truck beep beeping when backing up...all that. This action would clearly lower his property values considerably not to mention his family's quality of life! This particular neighbor has been a long time financial supporter and friend to athletics and many other school projects. What??? Tell me how this is in any way **being a good neighbor**, which is now an **empty** phrase that we hear consistently from the MVC, the high school, superintendent's office, and the school committee???

Our sad thoughts reach out to our Island students who for a very long time have been deprived of a track facility that is both safe and something to give them pride in their sport and in their school. It has been years of bickering, possible costly "studies" (\$19,500.00 and \$10,000+/-) just for these studies & student athletes who have no home field and many opponents will not come here to compete. We are not pawns. Deer Run will not be speaking at the Zoom meeting this week.

Disappointedly,

On Behalf of the Deer Run Executive Board  
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