

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ARTICLE 14:

QUESTION:

Is this project eligible to be funded, in full or in part, through the Athletic Facility Improvement Fund?

ANSWER:

The Athletic Facility Improvement Fund (AFIF) was established to set aside funds for planned improvements to recreational facilities such as Town-owned buildings, structures, pools, synthetic and natural grass turf playing fields and ball diamonds, and associated grounds and parking areas whose primary purpose is for organized athletic events for Needham children, adults and public school teams.

Annually, a portion of fees collected for field use is appropriated to the fund. This action did not happen in FY2021 year as the article was withdrawn from the Annual Town Meeting to reduce the number of articles to be taken up last June.

The project proposed under Article 14 would be eligible for funding through the AFIF. However, the Town has made several previously planned appropriations from the fund, and the balance is now approximately \$269,700. There are other recreational improvements planned in the future for which the AFIF will be a recommended funding source. The project proposed under Article 14 has been planned to be funded from CPA for several years.