

**February 9, 2026**

**Natural and Synthetic Turf Field Study Group**

Call meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**Members Present**

Matt Brand

Julie McDonough

Bruce Evans

Monday, Feb. 9th - 5:00 p.m.

Members began to develop template for report. Worked on problem statement, issues to explore, and speakers to invite to provide expertise.

**Meetings and Presenters**

- Art Goodhind (field installation and maintenance)
  - Talk to Art about turf expert and grass expert
- Board of Health (health impacts of turf)
- Jillian or NetZero (sustainability related to turf)
- Parks and Rec (Angela and Lauren) and Youth Sports (demand)
- Tim Collins/Matt Gillis
- Weston and Sampson (professional area of expertise, including work with Natick and other towns)

Experts can submit in writing if cannot come to a meetings

Next steps include:

- Developed outline of report
- Develop questionnaire for experts and organizations
- Schedule meetings and presenters

Bruce will get on warrant for Spring Town Meeting

**Next meetings:**

**Feb. 23rd**

Develop questionnaire (Google form)

Continue work on template

Review draft introduction and problem statement

**March 9th**

**March 23rd**

**April 6th**

Reach out to people identified and let them know about scheduled meetings and providing input.

Motion to adjourn 6:10 p.m. - Matt Brand

Bruce Evans - 2nd

3-0 in favor