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Kittery Community Center Board of Directors

Kittery Athletic and Fields Committee

Meeting Agenda

March 27, 2024

3:30 PM

**Kittery Town Hall – Conference
Room A**

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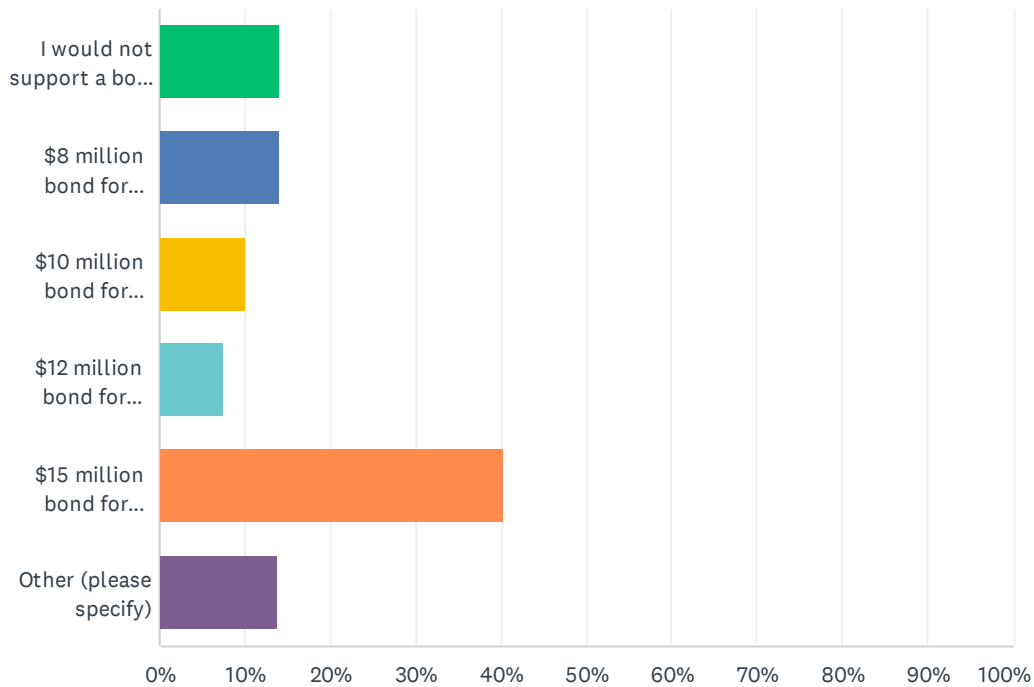
1. Review Survey Results
2. Determine Next Steps
 - a. Warrant Article for Bond timing (June or later)
 - b. Fundraising and Grants
 - c. Other

Attachments:

- Survey Results as of March 21, 2024

Q1 Which option would you be most likely to support?

Answered: 505 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I would not support a bond to fund any of the projects	14.06%	71
\$8 million bond for Memorial Field Only	14.06%	71
\$10 million bond for Memorial Field + KCC Phase 1	10.10%	51
\$12 million bond for Memorial Field + KCC Phases 1-2	7.52%	38
\$15 million bond for Memorial Field + KCC Phases 1-3	40.40%	204
Other (please specify)	13.86%	70
TOTAL		505

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I will not support this option that includes an artificial turf	3/26/2024 9:34 PM
2	More reasonable improvements and upgrades that reflect the size of the school system and community utilizing the facilities. Paving at Memorial Field is appropriate as is sidewalk to and from. Improvements at KCC playground are also warranted. These proposals are far too elaborate. There is a gap between the reporting of facilities usage and actual time logged. Basic observations support such. A more realistic and affordable path is necessary.	3/26/2024 12:10 PM
3	Memorial Field and Phase 1 but no turf!	3/26/2024 8:18 AM
4	Need more info on alternatives. I do not agree with additional tax increases.	3/26/2024 7:54 AM
5	KCC phases 1 and 2 only	3/25/2024 9:38 PM

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6	I would support KCC phases 1 and 2	3/25/2024 9:33 PM
7	Memorial Field - no artificial turf	3/25/2024 8:06 PM
8	but NO artificial turf	3/25/2024 7:12 PM
9	Please do not use fake turf, it causes awful injuries to knees, etc	3/25/2024 5:16 PM
10	Memorial Field plus three phases ONLY IF natural grass rather than synthetic turf	3/25/2024 5:03 PM
11	Bond for hard 1 kcc	3/25/2024 5:02 PM
12	Why not just have grass for a soccer field? Numbers for the other sports indicate they should be co-oped or played elsewhere. No need to invest in a turf field for a school the size of Traip	3/25/2024 3:18 PM
13	I am hoping you won't choose plastic for a playing field...too hot!	3/25/2024 2:13 PM
14	Memorial Field and options 1 and 3	3/25/2024 2:00 PM
15	Would not support- No artificial grass!	3/25/2024 12:57 PM
16	No Turf	3/25/2024 9:55 AM
17	Higher incidence of injuries on synthetic turf per numerous NFL studies. Also a heat hazard in summer 37• hotter!! Does the town want increased expense of lawsuits. Does the town want increased expense of lawsuits. Drainage issues WON'T be improved with synthetic turf. Replacement cost every 8-10 years. Has that been factored in? Loss of wildlife habitat	3/25/2024 8:00 AM
18	No synthetic turf	3/25/2024 6:18 AM
19	I'd support improvements to KCC Phase 1-2 before Memorial Field.	3/24/2024 10:09 PM
20	I do not support turf due to lifetime cost & environmental impacts	3/24/2024 7:13 PM
21	No synthetic turf and environmental study for proper drainage	3/24/2024 6:23 PM
22	No synthetic field turf on Memorial field	3/24/2024 3:56 PM
23	no artificial turf	3/24/2024 3:06 PM
24	Do not support artificial turf field	3/24/2024 2:58 PM
25	Opposed to turf field at Memorial...PFAS near Legion Pond....re-sod it! Portsmouth just went through this process and has found PFAS in the turf in spite of the manufacturers assurance there were none!	3/24/2024 10:15 AM
26	Less work much smaller budget for memorial field. 1/2 the number of kids then the 1980s. Grass is just fine. We have been parking on dirt for 60 years. It's still fine. This is not Welsley Mass	3/23/2024 8:33 AM
27	any of the above	3/23/2024 8:02 AM
28	Hello KCC board of directors, I've read through the Proposed improvements to the KCC and playing fields as part of the Campus Master Plan. There are many wonderful improvements listed. Thank you for all of your hard work on this. But I am very concerned about the use of artificial turf on any of Kittery's playing fields. I've read about artificial turf and spoken with others who have experience with it and feel natural turf is not only a superior playing surface and less expensive in the long run but also is a choice more consistent with Kittery's commitment to environmentally sustainable practices. 8 or 9 years of potentially expensive maintenance and then artificial turf ends up in a landfill after leaching microplastics and hazard chemicals into our kids play environment and our local waterways. Thank you for all you do for Kittery Recreation	3/22/2024 11:20 AM
29	None. Taxes are already way too high.	3/22/2024 10:28 AM
30	I wish you would please finish Emery Field by putting in a playground. There are so many kids down there that would benefit from it.	3/22/2024 10:22 AM
31	Kittery does not need to spend this much money! I graduated from Traip in 1981 when classes were 110-125 students. We appreciated what we we had, which was grass and no locker room at Memorial Field. These small classes do not need astroturf. Cut the budget by 75% and I'll vote for it. Rediculous	3/20/2024 9:01 AM

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32	\$15 million with provisions to some of the phasing options for the KCC	3/19/2024 1:53 PM
33	I do not support a bond for the plan as written with turf fields and paved parking. This is not an environmentally sound project and poses health risks. There are safer alternatives available.	3/14/2024 8:50 PM
34	Spend spend spend. I've lived her 28 years and wouldn't be able to buy the home I live in. The spending has caused taxes to go up and up. Young people can't live here so I'm a no	3/14/2024 1:55 PM
35	Memorial field and parking only at KCC. KCC was originally presented as a self sustaining entity but this not the case.. It costs the town annually and doesn't pay for itself!!!!ed as a s	3/14/2024 1:24 PM
36	I do not support the installation of a turf field at Memorial Field, but do support the 3 phased improvements to the KCC.	3/13/2024 9:19 PM
37	A non turf field option	3/13/2024 2:58 PM
38	No turf. Dwindling enrollment and overall lack of a successful athletics program at the high school and middle school don't support a project of this scale	3/13/2024 7:42 AM
39	No turf field	3/12/2024 4:37 PM
40	I already pay \$20 K/year in property taxes. GI foots the bill for rest of Kittery. I served on EDC, brought proposals to Council to bring business to town to build business tax base, turned down! Town fathers have to wake up before I'll support more spending. Would NOT support a bond to fund any of the projects.	3/12/2024 2:06 PM
41	I would support KCC projects. Not Memorial Field as I would support that the middle and high schools partner with York.	3/12/2024 12:40 PM
42	Would like the splash pad to be prioritized over other projects	3/12/2024 12:33 PM
43	I would like to see an option that covers just the KCC.	3/12/2024 5:34 AM
44	why wasn't the ADA considered in the original plan for our community space?	3/11/2024 9:09 AM
45	KCC Phases on an individual basis.	3/9/2024 5:29 PM
46	Way too large of a wish list Pricing is simply wrong at this time. And our school population is declining constantly. I would not support a bond to fund any of the projects.	3/9/2024 11:26 AM
47	Consider developing another field in a different location	3/9/2024 10:17 AM
48	My husband and I are in our 70's and 80's. We would love to see the Fitness Center at the KCC become a participant in the Silver Sneakers program. It would make membership free for adults 65+ who are on participating medicare plans.	3/8/2024 11:48 PM
49	Taxes are way too high here now! The school needs to merge.	3/6/2024 8:58 AM
50	too expensive, the fun stuff only appears in the most expensive phase and feels like you are cheating us or trying to trick people	3/6/2024 7:40 AM
51	I will not support an \$8million bond so Kittery pays for a turf field for 3rd party use. Traip does not need turf fields.	3/6/2024 6:31 AM
52	KCC Phase 1	3/5/2024 10:30 PM
53	My only concern is the possible use of synthetic turf. Although it is more economical there is a lot of information available about how toxic it is to people and the environment. PLEASE RECONSIDER!	3/5/2024 3:53 PM
54	I appreciate many aspects of all of these but I see an inordinate increase in the creation of impervious surfaces, too much attention to parking more cars. I don't like artificial turf and I don't want to see any woods or wetlands cleared.	3/5/2024 3:02 PM
55	Do not fund Memorial Field, but do fund KCC 1-3	3/5/2024 11:30 AM
56	Fund KCC phases 1-3. Not fund Memorial Field	3/5/2024 11:28 AM
57	I support any and all monies to improve the Community Center, but until there is equity and inclusion for the people who would like to use Memorial Field, I cannot and will not support spending money on it. High school athletes have to provide their own transportation to	3/5/2024 11:27 AM

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Memorial field for sports practices. What happens to those kids who want to play, but who don't have transportation. This is an exclusionary practice I cannot support

58	Community House only. Turf fields are not good and shouldn't be installed	3/5/2024 11:24 AM
59	I support \$15mb. I wish this happened 10 yrs ago so my kids could have enjoyed an epic experience on the playing fields.	3/4/2024 5:44 PM
60	\$7 Million KCC Phases 1-3 Only	3/4/2024 11:09 AM
61	KCC phase 1 only	3/3/2024 8:13 AM
62	KCC Phase 1	3/2/2024 1:16 PM
63	KCC Phase 1	3/2/2024 1:07 PM
64	Funding options: Grants, Gifts, Pledges, Donations, Naming Rights	3/1/2024 9:16 AM
65	Before we do this, we should pay our teachers a decent wage, hire more police and pay them decently.	2/29/2024 8:00 PM
66	There should be an option to only support KCC Phases 1-3. That would be my preference. If I had to choose from above I'd select the \$15mill option.	2/29/2024 6:02 PM
67	It doesn't take all those millions of dollars to do right at Memorial Field. Concentrate always on open spaces. Folks need refuge from activities and crave outdoor open meditation areas	2/28/2024 2:30 PM
68	Prioritize Multigenerational Programming at KCC \$7 million	2/28/2024 2:25 PM
69	I support all but only KCC Phase 1 this year.	2/28/2024 1:24 PM
70	\$7M for KCC Only	2/28/2024 8:03 AM