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Dear Mayor and Councilors,

At the upcoming Council meeting you will be voting on the turf services bid for our city owned parks, athletic fields, and other public areas throughout our community. So far this season the Council has consistently voted for organic practices with our curbside weed control, and recently renewed the contract with the vendor for our Stonyfield site at Woodman Park school. Thank you!

This is your latest opportunity to stay on the path to meeting the “commitment to organic land management practices” resolution unanimously passed in 2018. The recommended vendor, PJC Organic have been doing the work at WPS ball field since last season. I have attached their first report of this season for you to view.

By request they have shared all their field reports for Woodman Park with me, and answered any questions I’ve had. They’ve been fully transparent about all products used in their programs and I feel good about my family’s tax money going to pay for their services.

I believe PJC Organic and subcontractor Go Green have proven themselves to be very professional and do good work as is demonstrated by the program at Woodman Park. Their current proposal outlines a similar program that revolves around soil health and implementing good cultural practices. In addition to the obvious benefits to public health and our environment, this will save us money in the long term as the soil begins to improve and we need less inputs.

I agree fully with the staff’s recommendation to award the bid to PJC.

I am very happy with the direction the city staff and council are taking with our public grounds maintenance, and appreciate all of the work done so far. I look forward to seeing my son and all of Dover’s kids play on fields that won’t harm their health or the environment. Taking our organic resolution citywide will be a much needed bright spot during a difficult time.

I hope that you will all take a moment to recognize the accomplishments being made by staff and the Council and acknowledge the benefits of organic management to public health and the environment during the meeting.

Thank you,

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