



# MINUTES

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR HEARING ROOM

#### JOINT MEETING OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE - NINTH SCHOOL

Joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee to discuss the 9th School Site Selection Timeline Review and Contract Execution.

Present: School Committee Chair Susan Ditkoff, Vice Chair David Pollak, Ben Chang, Michael Glover, Lisa Jackson, Barbara Scotto, Beth Jackson Stram (via telephone)

Chairman Neil Wishinsky, Selectman Nancy Daly, Selectman Nancy Heller, Selectman Bernard Greene.

Selectman Ben Franco recused himself following advice from the State Ethics Commission. He exited the meeting.

Deputy Superintendent for Administration and Finance and Mary Ellen Dunn gave a PowerPoint presentation related to a 9<sup>th</sup> K-8 elementary school.

#### Highlights:

Dramatic growth enrollment  
Classroom capacity  
Expanding in Place  
Impact of "No Decision"  
Timelines.

The Board discussed the timelines.

June- August 2016 – Site selection

September and October 2016 – Site studies completed, public process continues and final site selection.

November 2016 - April 2017 Feasibility Study Phase and public presentations and hearings.

May 2017 - October 2017 Schematic design phase and public presentations and hearings.

Fall 2017 - proposed Town Meeting and Debt Exclusion Override for construction

Fall 2017 - June 2018 Construction drawings phase

October 2018 - Construction begins

September 2020 – School opens.

Ms. Dunn added that the final site selection is planned for October 2016, if they miss that date there would be no building opening by September 2020.

Upcoming important meetings:

June 14<sup>th</sup>: School Committee will host a public meeting with the architect.

July 26<sup>th</sup>, Joint School/Selectmen meeting to review architects preliminary findings of the site selection study.

September 8<sup>th</sup> Joint School/Selectmen meeting for architect's presentation on completed Site Selection Study findings.

October 13<sup>th</sup> Final Site Selection.

School Committee Chair Susan Ditkoff asked about the post October timeline.

Ms. Dunn replied that once the site is selected they will move into the feasibility and construction phase; the financial aspect of a debt exclusion override. She added that the average school building takes about 36 months to construct.

Chairman Wishinsky added that Town Meeting would need to vote on a bond authorization and construction budget, and would then go to the voters, there is no capacity to support the project in the CIP.

Chairman Ditkoff stated that other timelines to consider include any eminent domain issues, and student relocation if needed.

Mr. Pollak said that the Stop and Shop site may take longer if working around a supermarket.

Chairman Ditkoff stated that there will be a public meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the High School timeline, at the High School, 7:00pm.

Selectman Daly stated that tomorrow night, June 8<sup>th</sup>, she and Dr. Connelly will host a meeting at Devotion School to review site design, the construction plan and other neighborhood concerns.

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She added that this is a good opportunity for residents to attend and learn more about that project. It is important to keep moving forward.

Chairman Ditkoff added that there will be no appeal from the School Committee to reopen things after October. No site would be perfect, but we will definitely end up with a terrific school.

Chairman Ditkoff and Selectman Daly took a minute to acknowledge Dr. Connelly, interim School Superintendent, for his leadership and commitment.

Dr. Connelly stated that he has been here a couple of years in various capacities, most recently interim School Superintendent, and he acknowledged the support and team work he has received here. It has been a pleasure to work here in Brookline.