

Capital Improvements Subcommittee Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2020
4:00 PM-5:30 PM
Remote via Webex Event

Capital Improvements Subcommittee Members present: Helen Charlupski (Chair), Suzanne Federspiel, and Barbara Scotto.

Other School Committee Members present: David Pearlman.

School Staff present: Mary Ellen Normen, Matt Gillis, Rob Mullin, and Robin Coyne.

Others present: Director of Public Buildings Charlie Simmons and Advisory Committee Capital Subcommittee Chair Carla Benka.

1) Approval of Capital Improvement Subcommittee Minutes

On a motion of Ms. Charlupski and seconded by Ms. Federspiel, the Capital Improvements Subcommittee voted unanimously (by roll call) to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 meeting.

2) Update on School Building Projects (Driscoll, Brookline High School, Pierce)

There was a Driscoll School Building Committee meeting on April 23, 2020, a Design Committee meeting on May 4, 2020, and a Community Meeting on May 6, 2020. The project is moving forward. Gilbane has been selected to be the Construction Manager at Risk. Geothermal testing is ongoing. Answers to Frequently Asked Questions will be posted on the Public Schools of Brookline Website.

The Brookline High School project is moving forward. The School Committee heard a full presentation on April 30, 2020. The 2020 Annual Town Meeting includes an article to increase the appropriation.

There was a Pierce School Building Committee meeting on April 22, 2020 and a Community Meeting on April 28, 2020.

3) Update on School Building Repairs and Maintenance through June 30, 2020

Director of Public Buildings Charlie Simmons provided an update on school building repair and maintenance projects that will be completed during the remainder of the school year using funds transferred from utility accounts. Projects include painting and floor maintenance. There is not currently enough money to wash windows. The Building Department is starting to prepare for the phased return of employees to town/school buildings.

4) Update on Utilization of School Facilities for Elections

The Town Clerk is working with Manager of Building Services Ed Clancy to prepare school facilities for elections. The Subcommittee reviewed proposed polling locations (Attachment A). Mr. Simmons provided an overview of steps that will be taken to ensure safety. It was noted that the Town is encouraging voting by mail.

5) Update on Utilization of School Facilities for Emergency Response

Ms. Normen provided an update on the utilization of school facilities, including Coolidge Corner School, for emergency response.

6) Discussion of Clark Road Utilization

The Subcommittee discussed plans for the use of Clark Road during the 2020-2021 school year. Uses will include a Reaching Independence through Structured Education (RISE) class, Brookline Early Education Program (BEEP) classes, extended day, and office space. Two of the 32 families BEEP families that had signed up rescinded their applications (families moved out of town). BEEP has a waiting list, primarily in the Coolidge Corner area. There is flexibility to add space for another class if enrollment increases. The School Committee Chair will be contacting Maimonides to discuss the lease terms and/or a possible Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). Members noted the value of having additional space to provide social distancing.

7) Discussion of whether to Recommend that the School Committee Schedule Public Hearings on 2020 Annual Town Meeting Articles: Article 7 – High School Appropriation (additional authorization for the High School project); and Articles 9-15 – Newbury College Land Use and Land Acquisition.

The consensus of the Subcommittee was to recommend that the School Committee schedule public hearings on Article 9-15 (preferably joint public hearing with the Select Board and Planning Board on May 12, 2020) and on Article 7 (preferably joint public hearing with the Select Board, date TBD). The deadline to submit reports for inclusion in the Combined Report is June 4, 2020.

8) Possible Executive Session

By unanimous roll call vote at 5:25 PM, the School Committee entered into Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General laws chapter 30A section 21(a) for Purpose 7, to review and approve executive session minutes from the following meetings: August 13, 2019; November 12, 2019; January 6, 2020; and February 11, 2020. Ms. Charlupski announced that the meeting will not reconvene in open session at the end of the Executive Session. By unanimous roll call vote at 5:30 PM, the Capital Improvements Subcommittee reconvened in public session for the purpose of adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

**Annual Town Election
June 9, 2020**

RED – Polling location changed for June 9, 2020 Election

Precinct 1 BU-Wheelock College, 43 Hawes Street, (Monmouth Street Entrance)

Precinct 2 Coolidge Corner Library, Community Room, 31 Pleasant Street

Precinct 3 Coolidge Corner School, Gymnasium, (Stedman Street Entrance)

Precinct 4 Town Hall, Room 103, 333 Washington Street

Precinct 5 (New) Lincoln School, 19 Kennard Road

Precinct 6 BHS Schluntz Gymnasium, 115 Greenough Street

Precinct 7 BHS Schluntz Gymnasium, 115 Greenough Street

Precinct 8 Coolidge Corner School, Gymnasium, (Stedman Street Entrance)

Precinct 9 Senior Center, 93 Winchester Street

Precinct 10 BHS Schluntz Gymnasium, 115 Greenough Street

Precinct 11 Driscoll School, New Gymnasium, (Washington Street Entrance)

Precinct 12 Runkle School Gymnasium, 50 Druce Street (Front Entrance)

Precinct 13 Runkle School Gymnasium, 50 Druce Street (Front Entrance)

Precinct 14 Heath School Gymnasium, 100 Eliot Street

Precinct 15 Baker School at 205 Beverly Road, Lower level Cafeteria

Precinct 16 Putterham Library, 959 West Roxbury Parkway

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ELECTION DAY**