

**Capital Improvements Subcommittee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 2, 2019**  
**9:00 AM – 11:55 AM**  
**School Committee Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Town Hall**

Capital Improvements Subcommittee Members present: Helen Charlupski (Chairman) and David A. Pearlman.

Capital Improvements Subcommittee Members absent: Suzanne Federspiel.

Other School Committee Members present: Susan Wolf Ditkoff, Julie Schreiner-Oldham, and Barbara Scotto.

School Staff present: Mary Ellen Normen, Casey Ngo-Miller, Matt Gillis, Regina Watts, Michael Chan, and Robin Coyne.

Others Staff present: Associate Town Counsel Jonathan Simpson and Chief Procurement Officer Dave Geanakakis.

Others present: John VanScoyoc (Town Meeting Member Precinct 13) and Ray Schleck (Harvard Doctor of Educational Leadership Program).

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

**1) Review/Approval of Capital Improvements Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

On a motion of Mr. Pearlman and seconded by Ms. Charlupski, the Capital Improvements Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2019 meeting.

**2) Update on Brookline High School Project, including Proposed MBTA Easements**

Associate Town Counsel Jonathan Simpson updated the School Committee on the agreement with the MBTA for easements. The Town self-insures for liability. The contractor's insurance policy provides coverage during construction. The MBTA has insisted that the Town acquire liability insurance for this location, post construction, into perpetuity. The Town has objected, but the MBTA has been unwilling to budge on this issue. Our consultant estimates that the cost for a liability policy (would provide \$5 million per occurrence, \$10 million umbrella, cover MBTA defense costs) would be approximately \$40,000 per year. The Town-School Partnership Committee should discuss responsibility for claims and liability insurance. School Committee members expressed concern about this added cost and asked for information on arrangements in other Towns. Town officials will try to negotiate as low a price as possible. The School Committee is scheduled to vote on the proposed agreement on July 9, 2019. Mr. Geanakakis will send the draft document to School Committee members as soon as possible. He will update Ms. Schreiner-Oldham and Mr. Glover.

**3) Executive Session**

By unanimous roll call vote at 9:25 AM, the School Committee Capital Improvements Subcommittee entered into Executive Session for the following purpose: Purpose 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property because the chair declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body (Newbury College, 129 Fisher Avenue, Brookline, Massachusetts; Maimonides School, 2 Clark Road, Brookline, Massachusetts; and Rentals including 62 Harvard Street LLC, 62 Harvard Street, Brookline, Massachusetts; Related Beal, 24 Webster Place, Brookline, Massachusetts; Brookline

Teen Center, 40 Aspinwall Avenue, Brookline, Massachusetts). Ms. Charlupski announced that the meeting will reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the executive session. By unanimous roll call vote at 11:50 AM, the Capital Improvements Subcommittee reconvened in public session.

#### **4) New Business**

Ms. Charlupski announced that the Capital Improvements Subcommittee will meet on July 8, 2019 at the Old Lincoln School. School Committee members will tour the school before the meeting. The Subcommittee will continue discussion of lease agreements. Staff, families, and community members will be informed of any actions as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.