

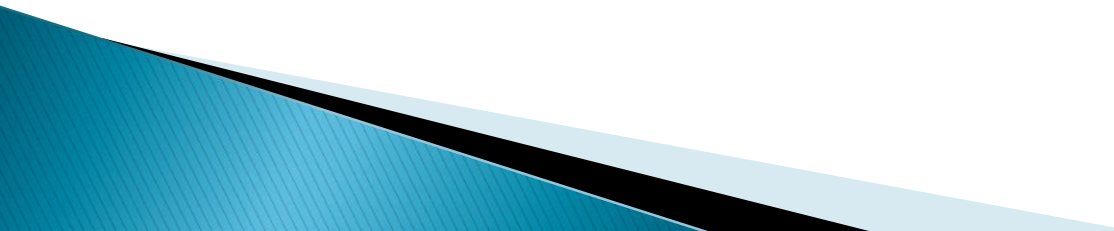
9th School Site Public Hearing

December 3, 2015

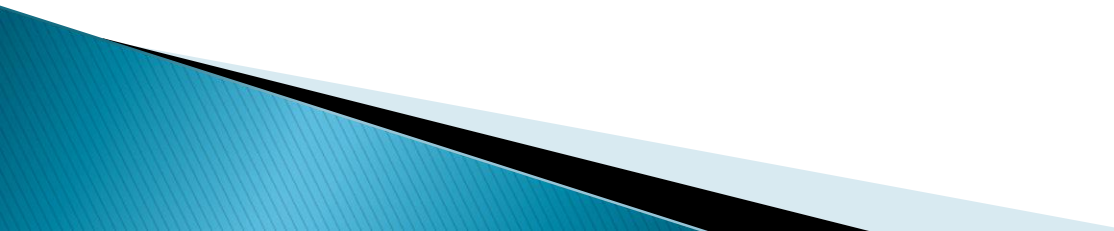
Where we are: Both boards committed to a rigorous, transparent process

- ▶ Civic Moxie hired to deliver a data-driven report: analyzed 26 sites with detailed study of 6 sites
 - Staff analyzed 6 sites and recommended Cottage Farm and Isabel sites to the Boards as worthy of further analysis and due diligence
 - Full report publicly released except cost information (to protect Town's negotiating position)
- ▶ Currently gathering public input
 - Over a dozen public meetings: 2 Open Houses for all residents; 6 Town boards and commissions; multiple meetings with Town Meeting Members and neighbors

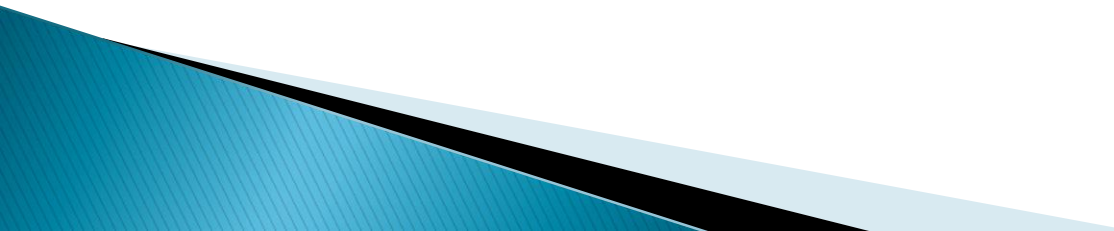
Process Going Forward (ideal)

- ▶ Data-driven Study Phase (through Jan. 2016)
 - ▶ Due Diligence Phase (Winter 2016–Summer 2016)
 - ▶ Decision Phase (Fall 2016)
 - ▶ Schematic Design Phase (Fall, Winter 2017)
 - ▶ Approval Phase (Feb.– May 2017)
 - ▶ Final Design Phase (ideally begins Summer 2017)
 - ▶ Construction Phase (ideally ends Sep. 2020)
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What we've heard: Most frequent comments

- ▶ Excitement about a rigorous, data-driven study of possible 9th school sites
 - ▶ Consensus that a 9th school is needed
 - ▶ Need for more clarity on the process after Jan. 2016
 - ▶ Need clarity on interaction with High School project, and 3 vs. 4 section school?
 - ▶ Desire to consider sites beyond 2 initially preferred or even beyond the 26 considered by Civic Moxie
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Cottage Farm

- ▶ Many positive comments about building in densely-populated North Brookline; some concerns about South Brookline needs
 - ▶ Effect on neighbors and neighborhood
 - Significant concern about eminent domain in this location
 - ▶ Effects on open space and the environment
 - Amory Playground, Hall's Pond, Amory Woods
 - Loss of private green space
 - Former swamp; flooding in nearby buildings, Amory Playground
 - Pilings needed for new building next door
 - ▶ Traffic
 - ▶ Local Historic District Issues
 - ▶ Constrained site
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Isabel School at the Larz sheds

- ▶ Many positive comments about the potential to “up-cycle” a currently poor use of important space
 - Positive comments that the design would not infringe on prime green space, and would increase positive park use
- ▶ Potential use restrictions (1970’s grant)
- ▶ Open Space Issues
 - Effect on Larz Anderson Park as a whole
- ▶ Redistricting impact: School would not have many walkable families
- ▶ Traffic
 - No public transit in area

Finally

- ▶ Consequences of no 9th School
 - ▶ Impact of a decision to pursue MSBA funding
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