

Approved: May 4, 2020

Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting with SBC and School Committee: February 6, 2020
Present: Freiman, Ulfelder, Olney, Morgan, Sullivan Woods

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. SBC Meeting Minutes 11/14/19
3. FMD Conceptual Cost Memo for Three School
4. SMMA Presentation of Current Options
5. H/U Workplan
6. Playing Fields Task Force Presentation
7. Historical Commission Presentation
8. MSBA Comment Responses

1. Call to Order

Ms. Freiman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:50pm in the Great Hall, joining the SBC and SC already in session.

2. Review Conceptual Costs of Three Schools

Mr. Gagosian reviewed the FMD prepared analysis of the significant factors potentially affecting the cost analysis of building 3 schools rather than 2 including schedule delays, operational impacts, and carbon emissions. He stated FMD predicted a 2-year delay at minimum if the project was revised to three schools. Mr. D'Amico noted that using the existing date from the HHU project, they were able to determine the additional construction cost for 3 schools vs. 2 would be between \$40-46million, plus costs associated with an additional 2-year delay. He added that delays or interruptions in scheduling could jeopardize participation in the MSBA grant program and contractual deadlines could be missed. The Boards discussed the FMD analysis of three vs. 2 schools, and the non-binding referendum question on the March ballot.

3. Hardy/Upham Project

Mr. Pitkin reviewed the Hardy/Upham site analysis and plan concept option updates. He stated that the SMMA architect reviewed both Hardy and Upham sites documenting trees and other features noting their existing conditions. He summarized options being studied for each site including a base repair at Upham new construction at Upham, and new construction and addition/renovation at Hardy. Mr. Pitkin summarized the various issues related to the Hardy site options, including a constrained site, and access issues. He then summarized the Upham site issues, noting that blasting would be required. Mr. Pitkin provided an overview of the proposed criteria to be used to select between the two sites including education plan, site amenities, walkability, impacts to natural habitats, traffic, and costs. He confirmed that the traffic impact study for both sites would be completed before determination of a site.

Mr. Stuntz and Ms. Martin of the Playing Fields Task Force joined the meeting. Mr. Stuntz expressed concern for the potential impact of construction at either site. He added that field use in Town had seen significant growth and field rental fees total approximately \$150,000 per year. He provided an overview of the use of the fields at Hardy and Upham. He noted that while enrollment had declined, field usage had increased.

Ms. Shlala and Ms. Maitin of the Historical Commission joined the meeting. Ms. Shlala briefly described the history of the original Hardy School and encouraged preservation of the original structure. Dr. Lussier noted the extensive efforts of incorporating historical elements of the old high school in the new building.

4. New Business and Correspondence

Mr. D'Amico reviewed the SBC's upcoming meeting schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm