

**Wellesley Public Schools
School Committee
Hardy & Hunnewell Community Update
June 9, 2021
Remote Online Meeting**

Jeff D'Amico, Compass Project Management, opened the meeting at approximately 7:00pm and noted that the meeting was being broadcast live on Comcast and Verizon and at Wellesleymedia.org and would be available for future viewing on wellesleymedia.org

School Committee members present were Chair Linda Chow, Vice Chair Melissa Martin, Catherine Mirick, Leda Eizenberg, & Jim Roberti.

Ms. Mirick presented the background and history of how the Town has worked on elementary school facilities over the last 15 years noting the many committees, studies and public input that has led to the school buildings being presented tonight.

Ms. Martin introduced the project teams for the school projects including the School Committee, school administration, Permanent Building Committee, and town staff. She then outlined the School Committee project goals which include:

- Support our K-5 learners academically, socially & emotionally
- Address critical system needs
- Provide facilities that meet 21st Century education needs, including specialized programs in a fiscally responsible manner

She also outlined the School Committee Guiding Principles of maintaining the neighborhood school model while building new or substantially rebuilt schools with 18 classrooms plus space to repurpose as a 19th classroom if needed; building two schools now and a third when enrollment rises or it is needed for educational purposes.

Mr. D'Amico introduced the planning teams, then presented the timeline for both Hunnewell & Hardy. Both will have votes at Special Town Meeting this fall and if approved go before the voters for a debt exclusion vote in December. He outlined differentiators between the projects that affect the cost including lot size, location, building size, circulation patterns, off-site improvements, specialized programs, swing space requirements, MSBA partnership and construction timing.

Martine Dion, SMMA, described the sustainability aspects of these all electric schools and how the buildings will meet the Energy Use Intensity goals of 25-30 or better.

The Hardy project design was then outlined by Alex Pitkin and Mike Dowhan from SMMA. Including building plan and site plan. Lauren Slaven from Shawmut Construction described the construction phasing plan. Mr. D'Amico then went through the budget details.

Next, the Hunnewell project design was shown by Mr. Pitkin & Mr. Dowhan. Brian Paradee from WT Rich Construction described the construction phasing and Mr. D'Amico went through the budget details.

Mr. D'Amico then explained that the Special Town Meeting in October is expected to have four articles:

- Construction funding for Hunnewell
- Hunnewell Swing Space operational Budget
- Design & Construction funding for Hardy
- Land Transfer of 3 residences on Route 9 from Select Board to School Committee

The floor was then opened for questions. Questions and comments were discussed surrounding traffic & parking, loss of field / open space, and the safety related to and need to open Lawrence Road to vehicular traffic. It was also mentioned that there is a patio of engraved bricks on the Hardy playground. The project team will make note of that and find a location for them at the new school.

The School Committee was adjourned at approximately 8:50pm

Documents Used:

Hardy & Hunnewell School Project Community Update presentation

Respectfully submitted

Catherine Mirick