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Subject: Weekly School Building Projects Summary - Week of 12 October

** There is a meeting this week, THURSDAY the 15th @ Clarke at 7pm which I urge every parent interested in these projects attend as your interest in more than just a casual way will impress the usual crowd of Town Meeting Members who show up to these meetings and it will give them an idea of how important it is to you, and to us all, that these projects are approved. You must participate and not rely on your Town government to be psychic. **

After a week filled with meetings to the point where it all becomes a blur, this week's summary is going to focus mostly on what's before us in the near future, as we're heading into Special Town Meeting season with the 'School Projects' Warrant being addressed on 2 December and much needs to happen prior to that date to give everyone the information they need in order to vote on the 3 articles being presented to Town Meeting.

You'll be receiving the Warrant in the post soon, but the school related articles are:

- Article 2: Appropriate for School Facilities Capital Projects

This is a broadly worded article to cover the various Clarke and Diamond projects including brick and mortar additions and the science lab renovations, permanent wall installations at Clarke, traffic improvements, etc. and the continuing design for Hastings, in addition to leaving the door open for brick and mortar additions at Fiske and Harrington should it be necessary. Town Meeting will also decide how to fund these projects.

- Article 3: Land Purchase and Improvements - 20 Pelham Road

This is for the purchase of the land and school thereupon at 20 Pelham Road, which is the surprise in the process and, given that the

town has no other land on which to build another school, an opportunity of great value as the amount of land in Lexington is finite. It also sits in the area of town in proximity to the three most overcrowded schools and highest density of housing.

- Article 4: Appropriate for Engineering Study - 20 Pelham Road

This article is to fund a set of studies to make necessary improvements to the access to the school since Pelham Road sits at a blind curve on Massachusetts Ave. and this would aim to provide access to Marrett Road via the Community Center.

As a parent, or a resident without school-aged children, these are issues that will concern everyone at some point. I'm refraining from including financial numbers until mid-November when far more firm data will be available, but there's plenty to discuss even without the firmer numbers.

Hastings parents wondering why the MSBA feasibility study isn't on the 'School Projects' Warrant, shouldn't be worried as that will be likely making an appearance on the Spring Town Meeting Warrant should Hastings be approved by the MSBA in mid-January.

_Things of Note: (*)moved up in the email from where Elaine Ashton had originally placed it as this information is relevant to our community)**

- The Pelham Rd. site had results from preliminary environmental tests which confirmed the existence of asbestos insulation and tiles and a small concentration of PCBs in the air. Financial figures have been including funds for any necessary mitigation prior to the opening of the school.

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School Building Project Weekly Summary - Week of 12 October:

Meetings this coming week:

Tuesday, 13 October @ 6pm School Committee, Boston Meeting, Salvation Army KROC Center, 650 Dudley Street, Dorchester, MA; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/1LnF9zj> (Note: Bus transport available. Meet at 4.45pm at the LPS Central Office)

Wednesday, 14 October @ 7.30pm Appropriation Committee, Town Office Bldg, Reed Room; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/1VL4o5e>

Thursday, 15 October @ 7pm Capital Projects Forum (Middle and Elementary), Clarke Middle School, Auditorium

Thursday, 15 October @ 7pm Superintendent's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on PreK-5 Space and Redistricting (Not an open meeting)

Future Meetings:

Monday, 19 October @ 7.00pm Board of Selectmen, Selectmen's Meeting Room; Agenda - TBA

Monday, 19 October @ 7.00pm Transportation Advisory Committee Community Center, Crafts Room 232, 39 Marrett Road; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/1FXRBFA> ** Note the TAC has moved this meeting to the evening to give parents an opportunity to attend and make comments regarding Lexpress and student ridership **

Tuesday, 20 October @ 7.30am Capital Expenditures Committee, Town Office Bldg, Reed Room; Agenda - TBA

Tuesday, 20 October @ 7.00pm School Committee, Selectmen's Meeting Room; Agenda - TBA

Thursday, 22 October @ 7.30pm Appropriation Committee, Town

Office Bldg, Parker Room; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/1Osk4EC>

Friday, 23 October @ 7.30am Capital Expenditures Committee, Town Office Bldg, Reed Room; Agenda - TBA

Meetings Last week on LexMedia:

Monday, 5 October @ 4.30pm School Committee, S. Hadley Public Services Building, Room 221, 201 Bedford Street; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/1Lo7siY> ; Watch online at <http://bit.ly/1JZTU5X>

Monday, 5 October @ 7pm Board of Selectmen, DPW Cafeteria ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/1L8PUoU> ; Watch online at <http://bit.ly/1Lctlwf> @ minute 75:25

Wednesday, 7 October @ 7.30am Capital Expenditures Committee, Town Office Bldg, Reed Room; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/1OMaJZW>

Wednesday, 7 October @ 7pm "Community Coalition: A Town-School-Community Partnership", St Brigid's Keilty Hall, 2001 Mass. Ave.

Thursday, 8 October @ 7pm, Budget Collaboration - Financial Summit 1; S. Hadley Public Services Building, Cafeteria, 201 Bedford Street; Watch online @ <http://bit.ly/1jloLo9>

Useful Websites:

DiNisco project website - <http://www.lexingtonmultipleprojects.com>

DiNisco Meeting Schedule - <http://bit.ly/1BeCLN4>

DiNisco FAQ - <http://www.lexingtonmultipleprojects.com/faq/>

LPAG - <http://www.lexparentsadvocacy.org>

Enrollment Working Group Study -

<http://lps.lexingtonma.org/cms/lib2/MA01001631/Centricity/Domain/565/EWGReport30dec14.pdf>

LPS Technical Study of Redistricting -

<http://lps.lexingtonma.org/cms/lib2/MA01001631/Centricity/Domain/>

565/28Apr15RedistTechReport.pdf
SMMA capacity analysis presentations -
<http://lps.lexingtonma.org/Page/5738>

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