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Quite a bit happened this week, so for the time-challenged, myself included, the condensed summary is;

- * The BoS released \$10k in funds for peer review of the Clarke and Diamond proposals to ensure that a fresh and unbiased look is given to the plans.
- * The possibility of a third middle-school and a shift of grades to 5-8, from the current 6-8, was finally put to rest. Not going to happen.
- * Modularity are expected to be delivered in December 2016, rather than August, due to site work and challenges therein.
- * SC voted to reject the 'all growth at Diamond' notion and to continue with plans for both middle schools.
- * SC voted to retain ILP space construction at Diamond, though the program will be remaining at Clarke.
- * LHS HVAC - SC voted to approve the '2 pipe' design
- * SC voted to place 2 modularity each at Bowman, Bridge and Fiske, as expected
- * SC voted to accept the 'value engineering' recommendations on Clarke and Diamond
- * BoS voted release \$4.3m of the \$5.386m appropriated in December to continue the designs for Clarke and Diamond.

The DiNisco presentation from Tuesday's meeting may be found @ <http://bit.ly/238uu3v>

The LPS 2017 budget is expected to increase over 6% from 2016, largely due to enrollment growth and needed additional staff, roughly 24 full-time employees. There will be a public LPS 2017 Budget Hearing on 19 January and on 23 January, details listed below, and the SC will vote to approve the budget on 9 February. The Board of Selectmen will vote on it later in February prior to the Special and Annual Town Meeting in late March.

Special Town Meeting on 8 February may include articles on the Hastings feasibility study required by the MSBA, should the project be approved on 27 January, and the Pelham purchase if negotiations reach a conclusion in time.

I understand that this is a lot to absorb every week as we near point where plans are set and votes must be made, but I do continue to encourage you to keep up and to look to your PTA/O for further details, as this is an important issue that will continue to be with us for a while and we hope that voters will be fully informed before they are asked to vote in the Spring.

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Meetings this coming week:

Tuesday, 19 January:

@ 7.30am, Capital Expenditures Committee, Town Office Bld., Reed Room ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/1ZEQrb9>

@ 7pm, School Committee, Cary Memorial Building, Battin Hall, 1605 Massachusetts Avenue (Public Hearing on the Superintendent's Recommended FY 17 Budget) ; Agenda packet @ <http://bit.ly/1UZECWZ> ; **Watch live on LexMedia @ <http://bit.ly/1VfE3Mu>

@ 7pm, Board of Selectmen, Public Hearing on the East Lexington Roadway Improvements Project, LHS Auditorium ; www.lexingtonma.gov/eastmassave

Saturday, 23 January:

@ 10am, School Committee, Lexington High School Auditorium, 251 Waltham Street (Public Hearing on the Superintendent's Recommended FY 17 Budget)

Future Meetings:

Deceptively quiet on the Town calendar.

Meetings Last week on LexMedia, etc.:

Monday, 11 January:

@ 7pm, Redistricting Committee (not an open meeting)

@ 7pm, Board of Selectmen, Selectmen's Meeting Room; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/1SGe7Xg>

**Watch on LexMedia @ <http://bit.ly/1OyXU0O> (School Committee Peer review funding and East Mass. Ave. Roadway Improvements engineering report)

Tuesday, 12 January:

@ 7.30am, Capital Expenditures Committee, Town Office Bld, Reed Room; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/1mLpGQT>

@ 6.30pm, School Committee, Selectmen's Meeting Room; Agenda packet - <http://bit.ly/1PkzDv2>; (Note: Exec Session until ~7.20pm) **Watch on LexMedia @ <http://bit.ly/1RNSPYH> and DiNisco presentation @ <http://bit.ly/238uu3v>

Thursday, 14 January:

@ 7pm, Permanent Building Committee, DPW, 201 Bedford Street, Rm 221 ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/1mNq9S4>

@ 7pm, Budget Summit IV, DPW, 201 Bedford Street, Training room

Things of Note:

For Suzie... <https://youtu.be/pLZfhHW98Os> "..Before they ask us to pay the bill and while we still have the chance..." and https://youtu.be/LkIWmsP3c_s How many lumens does it take to light it up up up? ;)

Useful Resources:

* All you ever wanted to know about Town Meeting - <http://bit.ly/1IWmsJt>

* Know your precinct! - <http://bit.ly/1Sw6XVp>

* Know your precinct Town Meeting Members - <http://bit.ly/1QI7WYO>

* TMMA mailing list archive - <http://bit.ly/1M9jKpe>

* Want to email all the TMMs in your precinct? Use precinctX@lexingtontmma.org where X is replaced with your precinct number

* Mass DOR Prop 2 1/2 primer, pt. 1 - <http://1.usa.gov/1OYuTj0>

* 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://bit.ly/1UPm1v5>

* LPS Technical Study of Redistricting - <http://bit.ly/1IDP6iS>

* SMMA capacity analysis presentations - <http://bit.ly/1THVekN>

* Capital Expenditures Committee Report on STM #1 - <http://bit.ly/1OFOhBc>

* Dr. C's 90-day Summation - <http://bit.ly/1R2Zy02>

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