

Weekly School Building Projects Summary - Week of 12 September 2016

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** Remember to vote!

Minuteman HS vote - Tuesday, 20 September, 12pm-8pm @ Lexington Community Center **

The SC voted unanimously to support the Minuteman HS project on Tuesday evening. Please read the FAQ regarding the vote @ <http://bit.ly/2cnN5G8> and the "At a glance" summary of the project if you aren't familiar with it @ <http://bit.ly/2c1PVwE> (property tax impact is estimated to be ~\$32/year for the avg. tax bill in Lexington)

Due to the narrow window of time for the Minuteman HS vote, and the single location, if you will not be in town due to work or other commitments, you might consider voting by absentee ballot. Details @ <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleifv/howabs.htm> **

Harrington parents will be enthused to know that the crosswalk improvements, including the flashing beacon, has a tentative work start date of 22 September, and will be moving forward.

Estabrook has been chosen to be one of the MSBAs 'model schools' in its Model School Program (more info @ <http://bit.ly/2cB8L05>).

Boston Magazine rates LHS #2 in the Boston area @ <http://bit.ly/2chRJUs>

The School Committee voted on their two upcoming STM 2016-5 Articles (Warrant @ <http://bit.ly/2bIRsLE>) this week.

Article 3 - Unanimous vote to IP (indefinitely postpone) the article due to the project currently running under estimated budget.

Article 4 - Unanimous vote to request all 6 modular classrooms, 2 each at Bridge, Bowman and Fiske, for Article 4 in the Warrant for STM 2016-5 . This will require additional funding in the form of a supplemental appropriation. The 6 modular project bid is \$1.430m higher than the original estimated cost. \$520k of the \$1.430m will come from funds remaining in the November 2015 STM article in which the modulares were

included, leaving \$910k to be funded in the form of debt. The reasons given for the higher cost for the modulars is that the demand for them is very high at the moment and some site work to extend their life expectancy was not included in the original plan. The modular classrooms are being installed to provide space in the three schools which have the greatest need.

There was a long discussion regarding the DiNisco proposal which aims to determine the best location for the LCP (Pre-K) program and additional space at the elementary level, including the option to relocate the Central Office which is currently located at the Old Harrington on the Harrington campus.

The LCP program is a mandated program and if Lexington doesn't have enough space for all students who require their services, LPS will need to send them to out-of-district programs which is very costly. Currently the program has 83 students and is at capacity. The earliest new space could be made available is estimated to be September 2019.

Out of the various options discussed, the most likely location for the program will be Harrington in the form of either an addition to the existing Harrington, a renovation of the old Harrington or a new building on the Harrington campus. A new building on the Harrington campus, however, would require a conservation land swap due to site work and which would slow the project down considerably by 18-24 months which makes it a much less likely option since enrollment is growing, and the program needs space soon.

The SC voted to request the BoS release \$415k, as needed, from the STM 2015-1-Art 1 appropriation for DiNisco's proposed phased study of the LCP, LPS Administration and additional elementary space options.

There was a brief enrollment update which showed that the elementary enrollment wasn't as high as expected, but the middle school and LHS enrollment exceeded projections. Enrollment will continue to grow through September until the 1 October official reporting date. I updated previous graphs with these numbers @ <http://bit.ly/2c1WbnP> and there will be a report from the Enrollment Advisory Group at Tuesday evening's Joint BoS and SC meeting at the DPW.

The Joint BoS/SC meeting on Tuesday evening has a number of

interesting agenda items, including an update on the plan for LPS Central Registration and a discussion regarding both of their goals for the upcoming year.

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School Building Project Weekly Summary - Week of 12 September:

__Meetings this coming week:__

Monday, 12 September @ 7 pm, BoS, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Office Bld. ; Agenda packet - <http://bit.ly/2cLNksJ> ; **May be viewed live on LexMedia @ <http://bit.ly/1nYirF6>

Monday, 12 September @ 7.30pm, Appropriation Committee, Parker Room, Town Office Bld. ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2cfc3Ez>

Tuesday, 13 September @ 6pm, Joint BoS and SC meeting, DPW, 201 Bedford St., Agenda packet - <http://bit.ly/2ck7eJU>

Wednesday, 14 September @ 7.30pm, STM 2016-5 TMMA Info session, Battin Hall

Thursday, 15 September @ 10am, SC Policy Manual Sub-committee, Upper level conference room, LPS CO, 146 Maple Street ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2chLDnA>

Thursday, 15 September @ 7pm, Permanent Building Committee, DPW, Rm 221 ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2c964Xk> (Hastings update)

__Future Meetings:__

Wednesday, 21 September @ 6:30 pm, BoS meeting in SMR

Wednesday, 21 September @ 7.30pm, STM 2016-5, Battin Hall

Saturday, 24 September @ 10am-noon, Buffer zone policy public forum ; Bowman

Monday, 26 September @ 7pm, BoS meeting

Wednesday, 28 September @ 7pm-9pm, Buffer zone policy public forum ;
Hastings

Tuesday, 18 October @ 7pm, Screening of Film, "Beyond Measure", Cary
Hall

__Meetings Last week on LexMedia, etc.:__

Tuesday, 6 September @ 7.30am, Capital Expenditures Committee, Reed
Room, Town Office Bld. ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2bTHoxO>

Tuesday, 6 September @ 7pm, School Committee, Selectmen's Meeting
Room, Town Office Bld. ; Agenda packet - <http://bit.ly/2cxYjd4> ; **May be
viewed on LexMedia @ <http://bit.ly/2czqqVV>

Wednesday, 7 September, @ __4pm__, Board of Selectmen, Selectmen's
Meeting Room, Town Office Bld. ; Agenda packet - <http://bit.ly/2cxX8u4> ;
**May be viewed on LexMedia @ <http://bit.ly/2czqTHT>

Friday, 9 September @ 7.30am, Capital Expenditures Committee, Reed
Room, Town Office Bld. ; Agenda - NYP

__Things of Note:__

For Suzie... https://youtu.be/Yy7P_o2TTdc and
<https://youtu.be/FyjriQHT8Ew>

__Linkage__

- * All you ever wanted to know about Town Meeting - <http://bit.ly/1IWmsJt>
- * MA State Citizen's Guide to Town Meetings - <http://bit.ly/1nYQE89>
- * Know your precinct! - <http://bit.ly/1Sw6XVp>
- * Know your precinct Town Meeting Members - <http://bit.ly/1QI7WYO>
- * Town Clerk on Elections & Voting - <http://bit.ly/1KOaZIm>
- * TMMa mailing list archive - <http://bit.ly/1M9jKpe>
- * Want to email all the TMMs in your precinct? Use precinctX@... 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>
- * Redistricting presentations and enrollment reports @ <http://bit.ly/1W3a0WZ>
- * Ad Hoc Townwide Facilities Master Planning Committee Final Report (AKA "The Cecil Report") - <http://bit.ly/2bTH1TI>

- * MAPC's "Building for the Middle" @ <http://bit.ly/1WIRW65>
- * A Better City's report, "State of the Built Environment" @ <http://bit.ly/1WIRO6B>
- * NPR's On Point, "American Housing Prices Going Big, Again" @ <http://wbur.fm/22Z843i>

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--=]) I was young and foolish then; now I am old and foolisher. -- Mark
Twain ([=-