

Weekly School Building Projects Summary – Week of 19 September 2016

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** REMINDER!! Saturday, 24 September @ 10am-noon, Buffer zone policy public forum ; Bowman Cafeteria ; The draft of the buffer zone policy is @ <http://bit.ly/2cX0um8> ; This meeting will not feature any maps, only the policy as worded. **

** Mark your calendars! The Planning Board will be hosting a public workshop on Wednesday, 5 October @ 7pm at the DPW to begin the process of updating the 2002 comprehensive plan and is seeking public input on Economic Development, Residential Policy, Town Center Development and Transportation Policy. **

** Remember to vote on TUESDAY!

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

- FAQ regarding the vote @ <http://bit.ly/2cnN5G8>
- An "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 ~\$36/year for the avg. tax bill in Lexington)
- LexMedia interviews Minuteman Leaders about the vote @ <https://youtu.be/MNYwFeQLd6g>

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> **

- This Wednesday evening @7pm in Cary Memorial Hall, Special Town Meeting 2016-5 (Watch live on LexMedia @ <http://bit.ly/1nYirF6>) will be convened to deliberate on 7 articles, 2 of which regard LPS capital projects. The Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Appropriation Committee, and the Capital Expenditures Committee have all voted unanimously in favor of them both, though Article 3 (middle schools) is being Indefinitely Postponed (IP - Killed without debate) due to it not being necessary to appropriate more funding for that project at this time. Article 4 seeks a supplemental appropriation of \$1.430m, using \$520k from the STM 2015-1 article which was unused, leaving a net request of \$910k for the six modulars Town Meeting approved late last year.

A collection of links including the Warrant and committee reports is @

<http://bit.ly/1s0TKLd> and will also include the Town Meeting Member votes after Town Meeting is adjourned. The financial committee reports are a very thorough analysis which anyone who might be curious about these projects will find interesting.

- At the joint BoS/SC meeting on Tuesday evening, the Board of Selectmen approved the SC's request for \$415k, to be released as needed from the STM 2015-1 Art. 1 appropriation (See the AC report for more detail @ <http://bit.ly/2d2nJzW>), for a phased study by DiNisco, in order of priority, to determine the best location for the LCP(Pre-K) program, additional elementary space, and options for the Central Office. It's estimated the study will take 1 year to complete.

- A brief mention of the Pelham property was made on Tuesday evening where the Town Manager, Carl Valente, said that a formal offer was made roughly 10 days ago (at the time) without any further news on that as yet.

- Updates on Enrollment and LPS Central Registration

The Enrollment Advisory Group offered a preliminary update prior to a full analysis later this year once they have the final 1 October enrollment numbers.

The EAG asks three primary questions.

1. Are we near saturation in incoming student population, i.e. are we approaching equilibrium or continuing to grow?
2. What are the effects of both new and existing home sales on student enrollment?
3. Are there observable demographic waves or leading indicators which might foretell future growth?

The EAG's findings suggest that enrollment will continue to grow through, and beyond, the current forecast horizon of 2021. Barring a regional economic shift, relief from enrollment-related stress on school operating and capital budgets is unlikely.

Central Registration is hoped to be operational in early January to enable enrollment of incoming Pre-K, KG and 1st grade students in March. A separate site is being sought to house this operation and an estimate of the operational costs associated with the program will be presented to the SC later this year.

There are 10 sites (schools+LCP) which currently rely on administrative staff to enroll and un-enroll students all year long, and report the data back to the CO. Central Registration would streamline this process, make enrollment data easier to track on a much more frequent basis, and make it more timely to explore the

mobility of students at each site. Up to 60 enrollments/un-enrollments can happen in one month at a school. Between September 2015 and June 2016, there were a total of 356 registration changes in LPS. Central Registration will create a single point of data entry for student information and residency requirements which will reduce errors and improve the quality of enrollment and mobility data overall.

Please, remember to vote on Tuesday!

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__Meetings this coming week:__

Tuesday, 20 September @ 7pm, School Committee, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Office Bld. ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2cO8QPO>

Wednesday, 21 September :

@ 6.30pm, Board of Selectmen, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Office Bld. ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2d6h4Rb> ; **May be viewed live on LexMedia @ <http://bit.ly/1nYirF6>

@ 6.30pm, Appropriation Committee, Town Office Bld., Reed Room ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2cbblHq>

@ 7pm, Capital Expenditures Committee, Cary Memorial Bld, Ellen Stone Rm ; Agenda - <http://bit.ly/2cMsAlu>

@ 7.30pm, STM 2016-5, Cary Memorial Bld, Battin Hall ; **May be viewed live on LexMedia @ <http://bit.ly/1nYirF6>

Saturday, 24 September @ 10am-noon, Buffer zone policy public forum ; Bowman Cafeteria ; Buffer zone draft policy @ <http://bit.ly/2cX0um8>

__Future Meetings:__

Monday, 26 September @ 7pm, BoS meeting

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

Wednesday, 5 October @ pm, Planning Board Public Workshop, DPW Cafeteria

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

__Meetings Last week on LexMedia, etc.:__

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

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> ; **May be viewed on LexMedia @ <http://bit.ly/2cWULNI>

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)

__Things of Note:__

For Suzie... <https://youtu.be/hW1V0VG3w0g> and <https://youtu.be/YA4EEEpfPWo>

__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/1KOaZlm>
- * 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>
 - * Donham & Sweeney Fire Station Schematic Design Study (2/2011) @ <http://bit.ly/2cECjJ3>

 - * 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 ([-=