

PROJECT MINUTES

Project:	W. Edward Balmer Elementary School Feasibility Study	Project No.:	17020
Prepared by:	Joel Seeley	Meeting Date:	9/4/18
Re:	School Building Committee Meeting	Meeting No:	30
Location:	High School Media Center	Time:	6:30pm
Distribution:	School Building Committee Members, Attendees (MF)		

Attendees:

PRESENT	NAME	AFFILIATION	VOTING MEMBER
✓	Joseph Strazzulla	Chairman, School Building Committee	Voting Member
✓	Melissa Walker	School Business Manager	Voting Member
✓	Alicia Cannon	Representative of the Board of Selectmen	Voting Member
✓	Michael LeBrasseur	Chairman, School Committee	Voting Member
✓	Paul Bedigian	Representative of the Building, Planning, Construction Committee	Voting Member
	Steven Gogolinski	Representative of the Finance Committee	Voting Member
✓	Jeffrey Tubbs	Community Member with building design and/or construction experience	Voting Member
✓	Peter L'Hommedieu	Community Member with building design and/or construction experience	Voting Member
✓	Jeff Lundquist	Community Member with building design and/or construction experience	Voting Member
✓	Andrew Chagnon	Community Member with building design and/or construction experience	Voting Member
✓	Spencer Pollock	Parent Representative	Voting Member
	Adam Gaudette	Town Manager	Non-Voting Member
✓	Dr. Catherine Stickney	Superintendent of Schools	Non-Voting Member
✓	Richard Maglione	Building Maintenance Local Official	Non-Voting Member
✓	Karlene Ross	Principal, W. Edward Balmer Elementary School	Non-Voting Member
✓	Jill Healy	Principal, Northbridge Elementary School	Non-Voting Member
	Gregory Rosenthal	Director of Pupil Personnel Services	Non-Voting Member
✓	Lee Dore	D & W, Architect	
✓	Thomas Hengelsberg	D & W, Architect	
	David Fontaine, Sr	Fontaine Bros, CM	
✓	David Fontaine, Jr	Fontaine Bros, CM	
	Jim Mauer	Fontaine Bros, CM	
✓	Mark Abdella	Fontaine Bros, CM	
✓	Joel Seeley	SMMA, OPM	

Item #	Action	Discussion
30.1	Record	Call to Order, 6:33 PM, meeting opened.
30.2	Record	J. Strazzulla announced the meeting will be video and audio recorded with live broadcast and future re-broadcast.
30.3	Record	Public Comments 1. Mr. Gallant distributed and reviewed a letter to the Selectmen, attached.
30.4	Record	A motion was made by M. LeBrasseur and seconded by A. Cannon to approve the 8/13/18 School Building Committee meeting minutes with the following correction: Item 29.31 change "indicted" to "indicated". Motion passed unanimous by those attending, one abstention.
30.5	Record	J. Seeley distributed and reviewed the Project Budget Status Report, dated 8/31/18, attached.
30.6	Record	Warrant No. 14 was reviewed. A motion was made by P. Bedigian and seconded by M. LeBrasseur to approve Warrant No. 14. No discussion, motion passed unanimous.
30.7	J. Strazzulla	J. Strazzulla will review with the Selectmen the process for establishing a committee to lead the process of discussing possible outcomes for the disposition of NES.
30.8	D. Fontaine T. Hengelsberg	D. Fontaine and T. Hengelsberg to review options for reducing the cut at the front of the site.
30.9	J. Strazzulla	J. Strazzulla will review the potential of shifting the U-10 playfield west, closer to the 50 feet no building zone with the Conservation Commission.
30.10	J. Strazzulla A. Gaudette	J. Strazzulla will review if CPA funds could be used for the playing fields with A. Gaudette and provide the Committee direction.
30.11	J. Strazzulla	J. Strazzulla will schedule a meeting with Youth Soccer and Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials committees to review the playing fields.
30.12	P. Bedigian	P. Bedigian will meet with Youth Baseball to review the playing fields.
30.13	A. Gaudette	A. Gaudette will follow-up with the Selectmen to vote to approve the project's Town Meeting Article and Motion.
30.14	J. Strazzulla	J. Strazzulla will verify the dates that documentation is needed in order to be printed in the Town Book.
30.15	A. Gaudette	A. Gaudette to follow-up on the signatures for the Project Scope and Budget Agreement with MSBA.
30.16	Record	J. Seeley distributed and reviewed the Post Schematic Design Meetings and Agenda Schedule, attached. After discussion, the Committee decided to not add any additional Committee meetings.
30.17	Record	J. Seeley distributed and reviewed the MSBA approval of the Committee membership form, dated 5/16/18 and attached. M. Walker indicated this version has been superseded by the updated Committee membership form sent to MSBA on 8/19/18.

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30.18	M. LeBrasseur	<p>Community Forum No. 8 Findings</p> <p>Community Forum No. 8 findings were discussed. Questions relative to acoustics, the new Dunkin Donuts and the disposition of NES.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. T. Hengelsberg indicated acoustical question was about the acoustical screens around the rooftop mechanical units. 2. T. Hengelsberg indicated he reviewed the question on the impact of the new Dunkin Donuts on the traffic study with the traffic engineer. The traffic engineer indicated they had factored in a growth factor and they believed the new Dunkin Donuts would not have an effect on the study results. 3. A. Cannon asked if the potential value of NES has been determined? <i>M. LeBrasseur will ask A. Gaudette to confirm with the Town Assessor.</i>
30.19	T. Hengelsberg	<p>Prep for Community Forum No. 9</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. Lundquist suggested a slide be added to define the impact of a No Vote. 2. M. LeBrasseur suggested adding a slide explaining the full and partial air conditioning spaces and what partial means. 3. T. Hengelsberg to include the slide showing the acoustical screens around the rooftop mechanical units. 4. T. Hengelsberg to include the Dunkin Donuts impact on the traffic slide. 5. T. Hengelsberg to include the Town Meeting and ballot vote passing requirements.
30.20	C. Stickney	<p>Narrated Fly-Around Video - Interior</p> <p>The Interior Narrated Fly-Around Video has been posted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. M. LeBrasseur indicated that the video should be uploaded to the NPS Youtube site and then distribute the link on social media and posted to project website. <i>C. Stickney to upload the Interior and Exterior Fly-Around Videos on the NPS Youtube site and forward the link.</i>
30.21	T. Hengelsberg	<p>Flyer Handout</p> <p>T. Hengelsberg will print 300 copies for distribution.</p>
30.22	Committee	<p>Press and Blog Posts – Weekly Series</p> <p>J. Strazzulla indicated the second article, Why is the New School placed where it is on the Balmer Site? has been published in the Blackstone Valley Tribune.</p> <p>M. LeBrasseur is writing the third article, What are the benefits of consolidating the schools?</p> <p>J. Strazzulla asked for volunteers to write future articles, options are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the role of the MSBA? 2. Who are the School Building Committee members? 3. What is the cost of doing nothing? 4. When will construction start and will it impact the students?

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How does the design improve traffic safety? What are the benefits of this project to the community?
30.23	J. Strazzulla	<p>Press and Blog Posts – Monthly Series</p> <p>J. Strazzulla indicated that an article will be published monthly in the New Uxbridge Times. The first article, Defining the Need, written by J. Strazzulla will be published in September. J. Strazzulla will write the next two, Take A Look Inside the Design, and The Voters Decide.</p>
30.24	J. Strazzulla	<p>Project Information Video</p> <p>J. Strazzulla indicated the Project Information Video taping is in editing and is anticipated to be complete the end of this week.</p>
30.25	J. Strazzulla	<p>Town Meeting Presentation</p> <p>J. Strazzulla indicated the Town Moderator has approved the Committee providing a presentation at Town Meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> J. Strazzulla will confirm how much time the Committee will be allotted for the presentation, target 20 minutes. Factual Informational Handouts and Display Boards will be allowed. The project is Article 6. The presentation speakers to be decided.
30.26	J. Strazzulla	<p>About the Valley Interview</p> <p>J. Strazzulla indicated the About the Valley Interview with Harry Berkowitz is scheduled for 9/27/18 at 7:00pm. J. Strazzulla will follow-up on who is to attend and what the questions will be.</p>
30.27	Committee M. LeBrasseur J. Strazzulla C. Stickney	<p>Committee Public Outreach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> J. Strazzulla distributed and reviewed the Upcoming Events Calendar and asked Committee members to attend the events. K. Ross added the 9/26 and 9/27 Balmer curriculum nights and the 9/21 Balmer Friday Night Movie. C. Stickney will add the Middle School and High School Back to School Nights. J. Strazzulla indicated the Seniors Tax Abatement is at the maximum level and that he will work with A. Gaudette to review strategies to assist seniors in taking advantage of the program. M. LeBrasseur to review with the School Committee if the project name should be changed to something similar to New PreK-5 Elementary School rather than remain with the Balmer name to assist the community in understanding. J. Strazzulla indicated he shared the project information flyer with the Director of the Chamber of Commerce and a presentation will not fit in the timeline. The Director will share the information with the members. M. LeBrasseur to reach out to the Worcester Telegram for a potential article.

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30.28	Record	Old or New Business 1. A. Chagnon provided an update on the meeting held on 9/5/18 with the abutting neighbors to review the property lines staked by the surveyor. A follow-up item will be the location and maintenance of the new fence along the property line.
30.29	Record	Next SBC Meeting: October 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the High School Media Center.
30.30	Record	A Motion was made by M. LeBrasseur and seconded by A. Cannon to adjourn the meeting. No discussion, motion passed unanimous.

Attachments: Agenda, Mr. Gallant letter, Project Budget Status Report, Post Schematic Design Meetings and Agenda Schedule, MSBA approval of the Committee membership, Upcoming Events Calendar


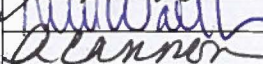
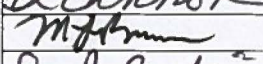
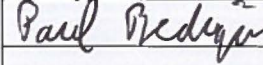

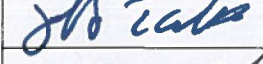


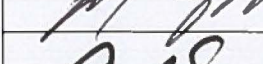
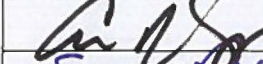
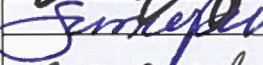
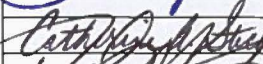

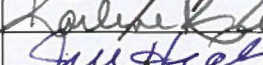



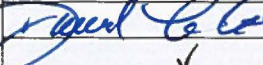
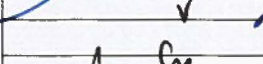

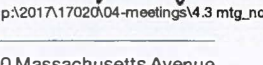
The information herein reflects the understanding reached. Please contact the author if you have any questions or are not in agreement with these Project Minutes

PROJECT MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Project: W. Edward Balmer Elementary School Feasibility Study
 Prepared by: Joel Seeley
 Re: School Building Committee Meeting
 Location: High School Media Center
 427 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA

Project No.: 17020
 Meeting Date: 9/4/2018
 Meeting No: 30
 Time: 6:30pm

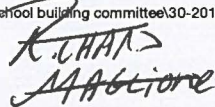
Distribution: Attendees, (MF)

SIGNATURE	ATTENDEES	EMAIL	AFFILIATION
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	Melissa Walker	mwalker@nps.org	School Business Manager, MCPPO
	Alicia Cannon	Cannonhome0927@gmail.com	Member, Board of Selectmen, CEO
	Michael LeBrasseur	mlebrasseur@nps.org	Chairman, School Committee
	Paul Bedigian	bedigianps@cdmsmith.com	Representative of the Building, Planning, Construction Committee
	Steven Gogolinski	steve@gogolinskicpa.com	Representative of the Finance Committee
	Jeffrey Tubbs	jtubbs@charter.net	Member of community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience
	Peter L'Hommedieu	PLHommedieu@shawmut.com	Member of community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience
	Jeff Lundquist	jlundquist@therichmondgroup.com	Member of community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience
	Andrew Chagnon	achagnon@vertexeng.com	Member of community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience
	Spencer Pollock	spencerpollock22@gmail.com	Parent Representative
	Adam Gaudette	agaudette@northbridgema.org	Town Manager
	Dr. Catherine Stickney	cstickney@nps.org	Superintendent of Schools, NPS
	Richard Maglione	rmaglione@nps.org	Building Maintenance Local Official
	Karlene Ross	kross@nps.org	Principal, W. Edward Balmer Elementary School
	Jill Healy	jhealy@nps.org	Principal, Northbridge Elementary School
			Director of Pupil Personnel Services
	Lee P. Dore	lpdore@DoreandWhittier.com	Dore & Whittier Architects
	Thomas Hengelsberg	thengelsberg@DoreandWhittier.com	Dore & Whittier Architects
	David Fontaine, Sr.	DFontaine@fontainebros.com	Fontaine Bros., Inc.
	David Fontaine, Jr.	djf@fontainebros.com	Fontaine Bros., Inc.
	Mark Abdella	mabdella@fontainebros.com	Fontaine Bros., Inc.
	Jim Mauer	jmauer@fontainebros.com	Fontaine Bros., Inc.
	Joel Seeley	jseeley@smma.com	SMMA

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Agenda

Project:	W. Edward Balmer Elementary School Feasibility Study	Project No.:	17020
Re:	School Building Committee Meeting	Meeting Date:	9/4/2018
Meeting Location:	High School Media Center	Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
	427 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA	Meeting No.	30
Prepared by:	Joel G. Seeley		
Distribution:	Committee Members (MF)		

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Approval of Invoices and Commitments
5. Review Community Forum No. 8 Findings
6. Prepare for Community Forum No. 9 - September 19, 2018
7. Review Meetings Schedule
8. Discuss Town Meeting
9. Review Committee Public Outreach
 - Events Schedule
 - Flyer Handout
 - Press and Blog Posts - Weekly and Monthly Series
 - Project Information Video
10. New or Old Business
11. Committee Questions
12. Next Meeting: October 2, 2018
13. Adjourn

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
W. EDWARD BALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

All meetings held at the
High School Media Center at 6:30 PM
unless otherwise noted

MEETINGS SCHEDULE AND AGENDAS

March 26, 2018 Updated June 6, 2018

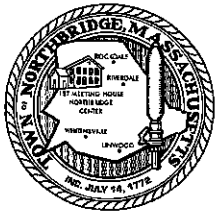
DATE	AGENDA
<i>Post-Schematic Design</i>	
May 19, 2018	MASON ROAD RESIDENT MEETING - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM W. EDWARD BALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
May 21, 2018	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING Review Post Schematic Design Schedule Discuss Community Outreach Plan
June 5, 2018	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING Review MSBA Comments
June 16, 2018	NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM W. EDWARD BALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
June 25, 2018	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING (MONDAY) Prepare for MSBA Board Meeting
June 27, 2018	MSBA BOARD MEETING
July 17, 2018	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING Recap MSBA Board Meeting
August 13, 2018	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING (MONDAY) Check-in Meeting Prepare for Community Forum No. 8
August 20, 2018	COMMUNITY FORUM NO. 8 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM - W. EDWARD BALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
September 4, 2018	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING Review Community Forum Comments Prepare for Community Forum No. 9 Prepare for Town Meeting
September 19, 2018	COMMUNITY FORUM NO. 9 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM - NORTHBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
October 2, 2018	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING Review Community Forum Comments Prepare for Community Forum No. 10 Prepare for Town Meeting
October 10, 2018	COMMUNITY FORUM NO. 10 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM - W. EDWARD BALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
October 16, 2018	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING Review Community Forum Comments Prepare for Town Meeting
October 23, 2018	TOWN MEETING
	ADDITIONAL MEETINGS TO BE SCHEDULED

Project Budget Status

Updated: 8/31/2018

Feasibility and Schematic Design Phase	MSBA ProPay Code	FSA Agreement 3/22/2017	Budget Revision 7/31/2017	Budget Revision 4/18/2018	Current Budget	Vendor	Committed	Balance
OPM	0001-0000	\$ 200,000.00	\$ (75,000.00)	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ 105,000.00	SMMA	\$ 105,000.00	\$ -
DESIGNER	0002-0000	\$ 525,000.00	\$ (100,000.00)		\$ 425,000.00	D&W	\$ 425,000.00	\$ -
Environmental and Site	0003-0000	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 110,000.00		\$ 150,000.00	D&W	\$ 146,753.50	\$ 3,246.50
Other	0004-0000	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 95,000.00		\$ 44,518.94	\$ 50,481.06
Total Budget		\$ 775,000.00			\$ 775,000.00		\$ 721,272.44	\$ 53,727.56

** Spent from Other		Date	Amount	
GraffitiWorks	8/10/2017	\$	495.00	Banner
First Night Uxbridge, Inc.	8/30/2017	\$	360.00	Food Invoice for Public Meeting
Richard Vallee Jr.	7/2017-9/2017	\$	400.00	Videography
Amazon	9/27/2017	\$	464.94	Magic Master Swinger
James Viana	10/17 - 11/7/2017	\$	50.00	Videography
GraffitiWorks	11/9/2017	\$	75.00	Banner
Richard Vallee Jr.	10/3 - 11/21/2017	\$	250.00	Videography
GraffitiWorks	2/20/2018	\$	100.00	Signage
Telegram & Gazette	2/4/2018	\$	198.00	Advertisement
LHS Associates, Inc.	3/6/2018	\$	1,476.00	Census Mailing
GraffitiWorks	4/11/2018	\$	200.00	Signage Updates
Richard Vallee Jr.	12/19/17-5/2/17	\$	450.00	Videography
Fontaine Bros., Inc.	8/8/2018	\$	40,000.00	PreConstruction Services
		\$	44,518.94	



The Northbridge Public Schools Town of Northbridge

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Dr. Catherine Stickney, Superintendent
Kathleen Perry, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Amy McKinstry, Director of Curriculum
Melissa Walker, Business Manager

REVISED May 16, 2018

Ms. Elena Seiti, Project Coordinator
Massachusetts School Building Authority
40 Broad Street, 5th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

JUN 6 2018

Dear Ms. Seiti:

In accordance with 963 CMR 2.00, attached for your review and approval is the membership of the School Building Committee for the W. Edward Balmer Elementary School located in the Town of Northbridge. The Committee was formed in accordance with the provisions of all applicable statutes, local charters, by-laws and agreements of the Town of Northbridge. Committee Members include the following:

Designation	Name and Title	Address	Email Address and Phone Number	Voting Member?
CHAIR OF SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE	Joseph Strazzulla, School Committee Member	170 Rebecca Rd. Whitinsville, MA 01588	jstrazzulla@nps.org 508-942-9930	Yes
SBC member who is MCPPO certified*	Melissa Walker School Business Manager	87 Linwood Ave. Whitinsville, MA 01588	mwalker@nps.org 508-234-8156	Yes
Local Chief Executive Officer Representative of Office authorized by law to construct school buildings	Thomas J. Melia Board of Selectmen	51 Heritage Dr. Whitinsville, MA 01588	tjmelia@charter.net 508-328-8332	Yes
Administrator or Manager ⁱ *	Adam Gaudette Town Manager	7 Main St. Whitinsville, MA 01588	agaudette@northbridgemass.org 508-234-2095	No
School Committee Member	Michael LeBrasseur	295 Hillcrest Rd. Whitinsville, MA 01588	mlebrasseur@nps.org 508-353-9345	Yes
Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Catherine Stickney	87 Linwood Ave. Whitinsville, MA 01588	cstickney@nps.org 508-234-8156	No
Local Official responsible for Building Maintenance	Steven Von Bargaen	87 Linwood Ave. Whitinsville, MA 01588	svonbargaen@nps.org 508-234-8156	No

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Members of community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience	Paul Bedigian, Representative of the Building, Planning, Construction Committee	25 June St. Northbridge, MA 01534	bedigianps@cdmsmith.com 508-234-0264	Yes
School Principal	Karlene Ross W. Edward Balmer Elementary	21 Crescent St. Whitinsville, MA 01588	krass@nps.org 508-234-8161	No
School Principal	Jill Healy Northbridge Elementary School	30 Cross St. Whitinsville, MA 01588	jhealy@nps.org 508-234-6346	No
Local budget official or member of local finance Committee	Steven Gogolinski Representative of the Finance Committee	442 Douglas Rd. Whitinsville, MA 01588	steve@gogolinskicpa.com 508-344-0909	Yes
Member Knowledgeable in educational mission and function of facility	Kathleen Perry Director of Pupil Personnel Services	87 Linwood Ave. Whitinsville, MA 01588	kperry@nps.org 508-234-8156	No
Members of community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience	Jeffrey Tubbs	244 Brookway Dr. Northbridge MA 01534	jtubbs@charter.net 617-851-7960	Yes
Members of community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience	Peter L'Hommedieu	112 Rumonoski Dr. Northbridge, MA 01534	PLHommedieu@shawmut.com 617-719-2744	Yes
Members of community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience	Jeff Lundquist	20 Hastings Dr. Whitinsville, MA 01588	jlundquist@therichmondgroup.com 774-278-1592	Yes
Members of community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience	Andrew Chagnon	85 Green Meadow Ct. Whitinsville, MA 01588	achagnon@vertexeng.com 774-280-0163	Yes
Parent Representative	Spencer Pollock	328 Rebecca Rd. Whitinsville, MA 01588	spencerpollock22@gmail.com 508-367-6123	Yes

Listed below is the past performance of the school building committee, the building committee (temporary or permanent), or any other committee responsible for oversight, management, or administration of the construction of public buildings and its individual members:

When the 2001 Northbridge High School was constructed, a school building committee had been in place, however, upon completion of that project, the committee was disbanded.

The Town of Northbridge has a standing Building, Planning and Construction Committee. The Building, Planning and Construction Committee is responsible for surveying the growth needs of the Town, the needs of the community and the physical condition of all municipal buildings and other facilities. The Committee shall meet from time to time with representatives of all municipal

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agencies to determine the need for additions or renovations to any existing buildings or for the construction of new buildings or any other facilities for the Town, and to determine the appropriate sites for such buildings and facilities. A representative of the Building, Planning, and Construction Committee is named above as a voting member of the School Building Committee.

After approval of this committee by the Authority, the Town of Northbridge will notify the Authority in writing within 20 calendar days of any changes to the membership or the duties of said committee.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Melia

Local Chief Executive Officer

Representative of Office Authorized by Law to Construct School Buildings

 6/12/18
Approved by MSBA Date

ⁱ Please attach the certification from the Office of the Inspector General demonstrating completion of the MCPPO Program.

ⁱⁱ "Administrator or Manager" refers to a Town Administrator, Town Manager, or to an equivalent position.

**Northbridge Public Schools
W. Edward Balmer Elementary School**

**Northbridge School Building Committee
Community Events Calendar**

Day	Date	Time	Board/Committee/Event	Location	Chair Email	SC/SBC Member Attending
Friday	8/3	10:00-11:00AM	Read Around the Town	Whitins Community Center	amckinstry@nps.org	Joe
Friday	8/10	10:00-11:00AM	Read Around the Town	Whitinsville Social Library	amckinstry@nps.org	
Saturday/Sun	8/11	All Day	3v3 Soccer Tourneyment	HS Fields	jstrazzulla@nps.org	Joe & Jeff L.
Monday	8/13	10:00-11:00AM	Grade 1 Popsicle Playdate	Northbridge Elementary School	jhealy@nps.org	RESCHEDULED
Tuesday	8/14	10:00-11:00AM	Kindergarten Popsicle Playdate	Northbridge Elementary School	jhealy@nps.org	RESCHEDULED
Thursday	8/16	10:00-11:00AM	Preschool Popsicle Playdate	Northbridge Elementary School	jhealy@nps.org	
Monday	8/20	10:00-11:00AM	Grade 1 Popsicle Playdate	Northbridge Elementary School	jhealy@nps.org	
Tuesday	8/21	10:00-11:00AM	Kindergarten Popsicle Playdate	Northbridge Elementary School	jhealy@nps.org	
Tuesday	8/21	6:00-7:30PM	D.W. Countdown to Kindergarten	Whitins Community Center	jhealy@nps.org or emurray@smoc.org	
Thursday	8/23	5:00 PM	Balmer Back Yard Picnic	Balmer	kross@nps.org	
Tuesday	8/28	9:00-10:00AM	Grade 1 Opening Hour	Northbridge Elementary School	jhealy@nps.org	
Tuesday	8/28	6:00-7:30PM	Kindergarten Curriculum Night	Northbridge Elementary School	jhealy@nps.org	
Wednesday	8/29	9:00-10:00AM	Kindergarten Opening Hour	Northbridge Elementary School	jhealy@nps.org	
Thursday	8/30	9:00-10:00AM	Preschool Opening Hour	Northbridge Elementary School	jhealy@nps.org	
Thursday	8/30	6:00-7:30PM	Preschool Curriculum Night	Northbridge Elementary School	jhealy@nps.org	
Thursday	9/6		Football Game	NMS	jstrazzulla@nps.org	
Tuesday	9/18	6:00-7:30PM	Grade 1 Curriculum Night	Northbridge Elementary School	jhealy@nps.org	
Friday	9/21		Football Game	NMS	jstrazzulla@nps.org	
Friday	9/28		Football Game	NMS	jstrazzulla@nps.org	
Wednesday	10/31		Football Game	NMS	jstrazzulla@nps.org	

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RE: Town: 'Financial Offsets' Proposed New Balmer/NES School Funding. Suggestively help the Taxpayers, and in the passing of the new School.

As you may be 'all' aware being linked in my recent Email conversations with the Town Manager, it appears we may still be at just Home Plate, for any meaningful 'Town Financial Offsets' for the new proposed Balmer/NES School from the Town.

At this time I am respectfully requesting that you consider using 'your authority' under the 'Northbridge Town Charter', where as your elected body sets 'Policy' for the Town. Plus your 'comprehensive authority' under Massachusetts General Law, relative to the 'Powers and Duties', as it pertains to Municipal Government, and 'Policy.' If you may agree with some of my suggestive points in this letter to implement and locate suggestive Town 'Financial Offsets' for the new proposed School?

I am some what 'baffled' in my 'forty year experience' in Municipal/State Government, plus assisting many Municipal Planners. I am some what puzzled that the Town may not be able to find any meaningful 'Financial Offsets' in an almost \$43 Million Dollar annual budget?, plus yearly future predicted revenue growth of #2.5%?, plus the new CPA Revenue?. Plus a main Stabilization account of over \$2 Million Dollars, plus a Health Insurance Stabilization Account of over \$1 Million Dollars, plus a potential future unknown amount in the Towns 'Free Cash' account. Plus make any agreeable very minimal line item Budget Reductions, excluding the School Department, and the DPW?

Do you all honestly feel the Town cannot even find \$100,000 a year, or adding the \$30,000 a year the Town may no longer have to pay for the leased Modular Class Room land at NES? Total \$130,000. This could at least go to the principal on the 30 year term note, if the new School is approved? Plus suggestively reducing the years on the 30 term, or less on what the Town Taxpayers, Renters, may have to pay a year may also be considered?

A Bylaw amendment to the present Solar Proceeds Bylaw, the Town receives from new Solar projects in Town after 2020 approval date? To give the Town flexibility in using the funds for not just maintenance of Town buildings, plus for supplemental funding for new 'Capitol Town' projects? Town Buildings, Fire Station, Schools Etc.

A 'Forensic Audit of all Town Owned Land, and that deemed surplus consider selling, to 'Offset' the new School and maybe a new 'Fire Station'? Other Capitol projects?

Many fellow citizens that I have spoke with advise they are not voting for the new School unless the Town commits to them, what is happening to the NES School? Sell?, new Fire Station location?, or Lease? If sold, or leased, the assets to go towards offsetting the cost of the new School?

Hopefully you may agree to direct the 'Town Manager' to sit down with the 'Office Manager' of our State/Federal elected Representatives to ask, if their may be any additional State/Federal Funding available? Of any Grants?, for the proposed new School, and Fire Station? Relative to the State, if they may put a special line item, in the State FY 2020 Budget for additional funding? New School, Fire Station?

Relative to the new suggestive proposed Senior Tax, Property Exemption, it is my understanding not to many Seniors may qualify do to it's, financial income guidelines, restrictions? But 'something' is better then 'nothing'? One penny over \$20,000 yearly income for one Senior, do not qualify? One penny over \$30,000 income jointly do not qualify? Unknown on savings, 401k accounts, are also counted?

If possible I am asking that you may also request the, 'Town's' Building Inspector, BPCC, DPW Director, Plumbing Insp, Elect Inspector, also review the proposed plans of the new School? Future Capitol projects? For them to offer their suggestive input on any other possible 'Financial Cost' suggested savings, Construction savings, they may see in the proposed plan?

I am asking the BOS make a public statement at their next BOS Meeting, if any citizen has any cost savings suggestions or idea's, on the new School to forward them to the Town School Building Committee? Plus put it on the Town's Website if applicable, where Residents may see it?

As you all may be aware the Fall Town Meeting Warrant is closed, so if any of these suggestions are considered? Applied? We both know the Town can Amend the new School Article on the Town Meeting floor and add it to the Article the night of the Town Meeting. Plus also on the suggestive Town Ballot in November 2018, if approved at Town Meeting.

In closing I respectfully thank the Board for considering my requests in this letter, and I appreciate the goal we may both share on these Capitol Projects for the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barry Gallant

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