

Building and Grounds
October 22, 2020
Via Google Meet

Attending: Charles Britton, Carl Johnson, Stephanie Fragola, Chris Darby, Dave Murphy, Meg Scata

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

Sightlines 2020 Facilities Assessment and Planning Preliminary Report Discussion

Discussion focused on the joint meeting of the Board of Education and the Board of Selectman for November 4, 2020.

The presentation will include the Overview of the 2020 Facilities Assessment and Planning Preliminary Report. Carl will introduce John Landock and Jake Haslam. Carl and Charles will present the more detailed report of the projects as found by the assessment.

It is important to note that all members of this committee recognize that budget considerations for the 2021-22 school year will be to maintain the status quo given current pandemic expenses, uncertainty of revenues from Federal, state and local budgets and the continuing efforts and needs to deal with the Corona virus.

Capital expenses and maintenance projects will continue, and Carl advised that projects over the next couple of years should focus on High School and Middle School. Charles asked the committee to recommend that the Board form an adhoc Facilities Task Force of 8-10 stakeholders to conduct surveys, focus groups, gather demographic and enrollment information, economic development data to determine the long term education and school building needs of our community. Charles will develop the plan and timeline for such a Task force. At stake is whether we keep refurbishing old buildings, close buildings, build a new school in consideration of student and community needs and available future funding. Discussion followed with considered all of the factors that will inform the work of the Task Force.

The committee received the *2020 Facilities Assessment and Planning Analysis* by school and timeline for work to be started. There were no surprises as Carl Johnson, Dr. Britton, Stephanie Fragola, and the committee members are aware of the many needs of our buildings. Critical projects including the track at the High School, deteriorating driveways and parking lots continue to be pushed to a later date due to lack of funding.

Meeting ended with committee supporting the Task Force and the plan for the presentation to the joint meeting on November 4, 2020.

Submitted by

Meg Scata