



**Building and Grounds Subcommittee Joint Meeting with City Council's Education, Library, Arts,
and Culture Subcommittee
Remote
February 11, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
Open Meeting Minutes**

PRESENT: Scott Wadland (Chair), Adam Freudberg, Jessica Barnhill

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Executive Director of Finance and Operations Lincoln Lynch, Director of Building and Grounds Matthew Torti, Superintendent Dr. Tremblay, City Councilors Robert Case, Cesar Stewart-Morales, and Margareth Basilio Shepard

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. He said this meeting was being broadcast live on Facebook and being recorded. He read those in attendance, and how to participate in public comment.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Joint Meeting with the Education, Library, Arts & Culture Subcommittee of the City Council Regarding the MSBA Process for Constructing a New School Building

Dr. Tremblay spoke to Hemingway Elementary being the next school building scheduled for reconstruction, as well as spoke to the City's need for a southside school. He reviewed the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) application process that the City has begun with anticipation to secure reimbursable capital for these projects. He mentioned that the Chief Financial Officer has included funding for this effort in the City's long-term capital projects. He said that the MSBA portal is not currently open, but anticipates the process would begin in the Spring and could take several years.

Director of Buildings & Grounds Matt Torti spoke to the progress thus far and the preparations underway to prepare the MSBA Statement of Interest and planning for the next school building. He explained that the pre-feasibility study for the Hemingway school identified options for the existing facility such as renovation or reconstruction, and the possibility of an alternate building site, such as the southside. He said that another option was building a Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grade 1-5 facility on the same site. Mr. Torti indicated that \$600,000 was requested for a feasibility study.

City Councilors asked if there are any other viable sites in addition to the southside to keep all options on the table, if there were any changes in the process and the high-level milestones, and asked that progressive energy efficiencies are included the planning and for environmental representation on the building committee. Mr. Wadland said that at this point there is not a particular site locked into the MSBA process. Mr. Torti spoke of looking at alternate sites when completing the Fuller School Building Project, but several would have involved combining properties, or taking by eminent domain, which would have been extremely complicated. Mr. Wadland said that he reviewed the MSBA Core Program Process and module milestones and there did not seem to be any significant changes. Mr. Torti recommended securing the building site prior to entering into the MSBA process. Executive Director of Finance and Operations Lincoln Lynch explained that if the MSBA portal opens in the spring, the MSBA would conduct site visits and selection for invitations would happen in March 2022. Mr. Freudberg talked about the lengthy MSBA process and the School Building Committee's role and responsibilities. He strongly recommended appointing a City Council liaison to the committee.

Approval of Minutes and Adjournment

Motion: To approve the January 14, 2021 minutes and adjourn.

Moved: Mr. Freudberg **Seconded:** Ms. Barnhill **Roll Call Vote:** Unanimous (3-0-0)
(Yes: Wadland, Freudberg, Barnhill)

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Meeting Materials

Agenda

Vote to Enter the MSBA Process Memo and Supporting Documents

TBA Hemenway School Pre-Feasibility Executive Summary

Getting Started - Information for District Officials and Representatives

MSBA Process Overview - Core ARP

Modules Overview-MSBA

Draft January 14, 2021 Minutes

These minutes were approved by the Framingham School Committee in Open Session on December 15, 2021.

These minutes were sent to the City of Framingham for posting on December 16, 2021.