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## TOWN OF BURLINGTON

### *Meeting Minutes - Ways and Means School Subcommittee*

DEPT./BOARD: Ways and Means School Subcommittee  
DATE: January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
TIME: 6:00-6:40pm  
PLACE: WebEx Conference Call

#### **Present:**

Roger Riggs, Rob Neufeld, Jayashree Voruganti, Chris Campbell, Ed Parsons  
Tom Murphy, Chris Monaco, Martha Simon, Eric Conti, and Bob Cunha

#### **Agenda**

- Article #11 – Fox Hill School Feasibility Study
- Article #12 – Fox Hill School Feasibility Study – Non-MSBA Project

General discussion:

Q: It was asked what is included in the \$1.5M authorization. Requested it to be more completely described.

A: It was answered that it covers the initial hiring of an Owners Project Manager and initial design work. A bid request will need to be developed to solicit bids for the OPM.

Q: Why two warrant articles.

A: Suggested as place holders before the participation of the MSBA and School Committee decision on how to move the project forward. The wording of #11 was specified by and reviewed by the MSBA drafted and provided by Burlington's Lawyer. #12 is a fallback to allow the project to move forward.

A: The wording of #11 may allow the project to move forward either with or without MSBA participation.

Q: It seems like the options are not clear and there are choices to be made by the School Committee (SC) on how to proceed.

A: The SC has voted to maintain four elementary schools; the MSBA participation seems to support only three schools.

Q: The High School renovation that is needed is also active with the MSBA. MSBA does not often fund two projects in the same town but it has been done in Winchester. Does moving forward with one imply dropping the other.

A: The HS renovation project and reimbursement may have more value to the town if the MSBA constraints on a new Elementary school would restrict the project.





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Q: Next Steps?

A: The MSBA school building committee meets on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The outcome of that meeting are the basis for moving forward on the warrant articles.

No vote was taken by the W&M school subcommittee on articles #11 and #12.

