

December 2011 update

The site work continues. You may have noticed a very high mound of structural fill on the area where the new school will be built. This process is necessary in order to prepare the site; a good bit of what you see now will eventually be removed. The structural fill must be in place for 30 days without any movement before the foundation work can begin. Currently, half the structural fill for the building site has been completed and the second part is underway.

Once all the site work is completed, the actual building will begin to come into view. In January, the foundation work will begin. And then in February, steel beams will rise. Currently, “force main” pipes are being installed on Central Street and these will eventually be connected to the sewer treatment plant.

Members of the School Building Committee, the OPM, a representative from Ai3 and PARE Engineering will be available to answer questions from the public from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room at Town Hall on Monday, December 12. This will be the first in a series of quarterly Q&A sessions that will give the public an opportunity to speak directly with officials involved with every aspect of the project.

On November 14, recognizing the need to have members with facilities and construction experience, the SBC voted to recommend Greg Gurney as its newest member. Greg has been attending the SBC meetings and has extensive facilities experience. On November 17, with the recommendation of the SBC in hand, the School Committee made Greg’s appointment official. The SBC expects to recommend more members in the near future.

This month on December 12, the first Q&A session will take place from 6:00-7:00 PM at Town Hall, with the SBC regular monthly meeting to follow in the High School Library at 7:00 PM. Please click [here](#) to find the full schedule of upcoming SBC meetings and watch for the next Q&A session.

As always, we appreciate your interest and support.

Sincerely,
The School Building Committee