

High School Building Committee August 2010 – Update

The last thirty days or so have been both very busy and productive for the HSBC.

Over the past weeks the committee has traveled to Boston to meet with the MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) and engaged in conference calls with the Authority. The purpose of these meetings has been to firm up the process moving forward and anticipated timelines. We are also actively touring “Model Schools” in the state, gaining valuable information for use in our efforts.

The HSBC has gone out to bid for the OPM (Owners Project Manager) and interviews will be held this month to choose the firm that is determined to be the best fit for East Bridgewater. The OPM will essentially work on behalf of the Town in all aspects of the project and will serve as our counsel as we move through the various processes of design, construction, etc. The next step in our process will be the selection of a designer. This effort will result in the selection of an architectural firm who will work with town in the design of a model school that fits the needs of East Bridgewater. It is the selection of these two services (OPM and Designer) that will help the HSBC present to the community our best recommendation for consideration by the voters.

As previously reported, being a partner with the MSBA in the model school program brings with it an accelerated process. The HSBC anticipates the following rough schedule will be used as we move forward.

- Late 2010 – Special Town Meeting.
- Early 2011 – Special Town Meeting for consideration of a “Special Election” for a Debt Exclusion.
- Early 2011 – “Special Election” to approve/disapprove the entire project.
- Summer 2011 – Groundbreaking.

As reported in the July update, please feel free to communicate with the committee as we value your input. Over the coming weeks we will be seeking the participation of the community and others with such things as High School tours, neighborhood meetings, attendance at community meetings where the committee will seek input from our citizens.

If you would like to participate in these efforts or just want to be informed with important dates and times, please consider sending us your contact information including:

Name
Address
Phone Number
E-Mail Address

This can all be sent through this link as the information sent goes to all of the committee members.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of this project.

Cordially
High School Building Committee