

DECEMBER 2010

High School Building Committee Update

The month of December was an extremely successful and busy month.

The HSBC had a table at the Christmas on the Common displaying the design and giving citizens an opportunity to ask questions and get information.

Additionally, in our efforts to receive input from the community, the HSBC has been out visiting with various groups and doing presentations highlighting various aspects of the proposed building and site.

The HSBC met with the finance committee and capital improvements committee to present the project and answer questions. Both committees voted unanimously to support the project.

The HSBC requested that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the article for town meeting on the warrant, and post the special election for February 12, 2011. The Board took action on both requests by unanimous vote.

During December, the architect and HSBC worked diligently to complete the schematic design, which MSBA required that we submit on December 10th.

What is a schematic design?

The Schematic Design establishes the general scope, conceptual design, scale and relationships among the components of the project. The primary objective is to arrive at a clearly defined, feasible concept while exploring the most promising alternative design solutions. The Architect will prepare a series of rough plans, known as schematics, which show the general arrangement of rooms and of the building on the site. Models and/or illustrations are prepared to help visualize the project as necessary. The project proceeds to the next phase when the MSBA approves the Schematic Design.

Discussions continued with the MSBA on the final project design and costs. The HSBC has been working tirelessly with our architect and project manager to create a final product that the MSBA will approve, and that our townspeople will be proud of.

The HSBC has continued working on a “maintenance plan” for the schools. Discussions continue with the Town to research and develop efficiencies. The school district has also implemented a new program, called School Dude, to help facilitate routine maintenance and daily operational needs.

Please join with the HSBC and consider what you can do to help this project meet with success!

Thank you for your interest and support.

Cordially,
High School Building Committee