



Long Lots School Building Committee

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Welcome to the Long Lots Building Committee (LLSBC) page. Information can also be found at: <https://www.westportct.gov/.../long-lots-school-building...>

Per state statute, the Town appoints a building committee to lead building construction projects. The First Selectwoman is responsible for appointing members to building committees. Jen Tooker recommended for the following people to be appointed to the LLSBC: Jay Keenan (Chair), Don O'Day, Sri Puttagunta, Joe Renzulli, John Broadbin, Tim Wetmore and Liz Heyer.

The RTM approved the appointments in September 2022, along with the committee's goals to:

- 1) Evaluate the existing conditions of LLS
- 2) Provide feasibility studies for construction options, along with cost and schedule
- 3) Recommend a course of action for the project
- 4) Execute the project

Since the appointment of the LLSBC, the committee has:

--Received approval in December of 2022 from the BOF, BOS & RTM for an appropriation of \$482k to conduct building and feasibility assessments. Wis, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE) performed a condition assessment and evaluated the existing building envelope and structure. Kohler Ronan, LLC (KR) evaluated the building mechanical systems. Reports from these assessments were received in mid-March 2023. The reports will be discussed at an upcoming LLSBC meeting and will be posted on the LLSBC page on <https://www.westportct.gov>

--Solicited and reviewed RFQs for construction management services and architectural design services for the feasibility stage of the project. Interviews and vendor selection will occur shortly.

At the end of the feasibility phase, the LLSBC expects to be able to make a recommendation for LLS, including cost estimate and timeline. The recommendation to the Town will be one of three options:

A) Renovate as New: Renovate the existing building, maintaining the current footprint. The bare bones structure of the building will remain but all new mechanicals, electrical and plumbing systems will be installed, and the envelope of the building (walls, roof and some below grade areas) will be replaced. Some changes inside the building (enlarging classrooms, etc.) may be feasible, depending on additional structural renovations needed. (CMS was a Renovate as New)

B) Renovate as New with Additions: As above but with the addition of new sections or wings added to the school which would change the existing footprint. (SHS was a Renovate as New with Additions)

C) Build New: Build a brand-new building from the ground up, including all new structure and systems.

Each of the options above will also include sustainability recommendations. It will then be up to the BOF, BOS & RTM, to vote on whether to approve the LLSBC's recommendation, and proceed with the construction.

The LLSBC