



Long Lots School Building Committee

September 19, 2023

The LLSBC met on Thursday, September 14th, to review the latest versions of the six feasibility options for Long Lots. These six options include:

“Renovate as New” option which is a complete renovation of the existing building interior, exterior envelope and mechanicals (and also includes a small addition to the existing footprint).

“Renovate as New with Additions” option which is a complete renovation of the existing building interior, exterior envelope and mechanicals plus a larger addition to the existing footprint.

“Build New” scenarios in three different locations on the property.

Each of the new options will also include costs related to potential sustainability options.

The pros and cons of each of the feasibility options were discussed, as well as a few recommended changes. Trade-offs between the options include the ability to meet all of the educational specifications, traffic circulation, parking, project phasing and project duration, as well as impacts to residential traffic, drainage, the WCG & Preserve, fields, and neighbors. It is understandable that various stakeholders have different interests in the impacts of the project. The LLSBC is aware of, and carefully considering, all of these issues, and is working hard to explore all options and balance the needs of each group, while prioritizing the educational requirements of the students.

The next steps will be to:

- review pricing and schedules for each of the options prepared by the Construction Manager
- review field utilization information from Parks and Recreation
- present feasibility recommendations to the Board of Selectwomen
- request an appropriation for funding from the Board of Finance and RTM to move to the Design stage of the project
- submit an 8-24 application for review with P&Z

During the Design stage, detailed construction design drawings for contract bidding (architectural, engineering, structural, civil and site) will be developed and presented to all relevant town bodies for their review, comment and approval.

The goal is to begin construction in September 2024.

As a reminder, once construction begins, the entire property will be an active construction site. While students will be able to attend school, the surrounding grounds will be restricted and closed to all. The surrounding grounds will be used for construction crews, construction material storage, staging and machinery.

After the feasibility options were reviewed, the Committee fielded questions from the community for 90 minutes. Answers to many of the questions that are asked at each meeting can be found on the Long Lots School Project FAQ on the Town website.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 26th.

The LLSBC