



Town of Hopkinton New Hampshire

Hopkinton Select Board
Hopkinton School Board

Joint Public Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2017
5:30pm



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Hopkinton Town Library
Community Room

Select Board

Ken Traum, Vice Chair; Steve Lux, Jr., Sabrina Dunlap, and Bob Gerseny

Present: Jim O'Brien, Chair;

School Board Present: Liz Durant, Chair; Dave Luneau, Vice Chair; Matt Cairns (5:43pm), Aviva Nestler, and Matt Belanger

Staff Present: Steve Chamberlin, Superintendent; Neal Cass, Town Administrator; Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assistant; and Brenda Vincent, School Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Durant opened the meeting at 5:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Additions/Deletions from Agenda – None

3. Public Comment (1)

4. Comments from the Hopkinton School Board and Hopkinton Select Board

5. Presentations and Staff Reports

George Park – Renovation and Refurbishment – Mr. Neal Cass

Mr. Cass presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the evaluation of George Park.

Safety Concerns

Immediate Concerns:

- Sanitation and hygiene issues in bathroom/snack shack
- Parking lot drainage
- Track timbers
- Baseball field lip
- Skateboard Park users dragging items inside
- Parking on Rt. 103

Areas Deteriorating:

- Tennis courts
- Blood field dugout
- Electrical
- Utility poles

- Nets on Blood field
- Chain link fence
- Track

Committee Suggestions:

- Spruce up tennis courts
- Replace Blood field dugouts/add storage
- Update electrical
- Remove utility poles
- Remove/replace Blood field nets
- Replace chain link fence as needed

Committee would like:

- New tennis courts and add 1 to 2 more courts
- Add new field lighting (if it can be fundraised)
- Replace entire chain link fence
- Build a 6-lane track with multi-purpose grass playing field inside

A current map of the park and a proposed map was presented.

Committee Proposed Changes:

Must Haves

- ☐ Build brand new bathrooms/snack shack with storage and remove current bathrooms and shed
- Fix parking lot drainage issues and increase parking

Recommendations

- ☐ Move the Kearsarge Ave. entrance farther up the road
- ☐ Enclose Skate Park with 8 ft. fence
- ☐ Re-fence facility
- ☐ Relocate tennis to the left of the back entrance up on hill
- ☐ Add 6 lane rubberized track with full sized multi-purpose grass field inside.

Creation could necessitate the following:

1. Move Field Hockey Field nearer to the Skate Park
2. Move Field Hockey scoreboard
3. Move Clarke shed if necessary, move batting cage if necessary
4. Keep Baseball Field as-is, move batting cage if necessary
5. Shorten Soccer Field (can be a practice field) if necessary to accommodate track
6. Relocate basketball either to Houston or in tennis courts
7. Bring Clarke Field forward into parking area
8. Shorten Blood Field to a 200-foot regulation field (from 235 ft.)

George Park Cost Proposal

		Estimate	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Bathrooms/ snack house		\$ 170,000				
Kearsarge entrance / parking						
Skate Park 8-foot fence		\$ 17,000				
Perimeter fence-Park Ave		\$ 13,500				
Perimeter Fence-other 3 sides		\$ 40,500				
Resurface tennis court		\$ 10,000				
6 lane track /field reorg.		\$ 600,000				
Replace Track Timbers		\$ -				
Baseball field lip		\$ 26,000				
Nets on softball field						
New lights		Removed				
Utility Poles						
Blood Field Dug outs		\$ 28,000				
Surveillance system		\$ 3,000				
New tennis courts		\$ 150,000				
Totals		\$ 1,058,000				

Note: Surveillance is \$3,000 to install and then a fee of \$70/month or \$840

per year

No cost determined at this time for Kearsarge entrance

Fencing \$19 per foot - 650 ft. per side - plus gates

Chair O'Brien stated that the town owns George Park and the Board is looking at the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and what needs to be put in. He asked that the School Board address the issue of the drainage issues due to the school parking lot. Superintendent Chamberlin stated that it is being reviewed. Mr. O'Brien said he was not sure it was the town prerogative to build a track and field. School Board member Mr. Belanger stated that he was not sure the School Board could support the cost of a track. School Board member Mr. Luneau stated that he would be interested in learning more regarding the committee's suggestions and looking at a cost share approach. Select Board member Mr. Gerseny stated that none of the cost presented have been put into the CIP but that some of the immediate issues need to be addressed - cost to be shared by both Boards and some funding from fundraising and private donations. School Board Chair Ms. Durant suggested that the School Board take the information provided for further discussion.

Update HSD Facilities –Renovation/Performance Contract

Superintendent Chamberlin introduced Mr. Jay Burgess, Facility Chair to give an update on the facility project.

Mr. Burgess stated that this has been a three-year project, the original charge to the committee was to review a reduction in school buildings. A year ago, due to increasing enrollment, the School Board changed the charge to a three-building renovation project. The committee and the School Board are now in the community outreach phase offering:

- Facility Friday Tours
- Saturday Excursions
- Information Sessions
- Podcast – monthly
- Twitter Chats

Information is available at <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/facility-project>

Superintendent Chamberlin shared that the School Board has entered into a Performance Contract with Siemens. The energy service approach has been used in neighboring communities Hillsboro-Deering, Barrington, and Oyster River. The project scope is not more than \$2,260,767. This work was undertaken as a proactive approach to completing deferred maintenance - not a wait to fail but to stabilize the area of operations.

The approach will utilize energy savings, rebates, and current financial commitment to manage this work.

\$171 K in rebates/incentives will be utilized.

The work:

1. Safety and Security - new doors, windows, available for more advance workings - key fob.
2. Stabilize the infrastructure/increase energy efficiency - two 30-year-old boilers being replaced and a pellet boiler will be installed at Maple Street School.
3. Student and faculty survey stated that air circulation and lighting affected learning - 89% of teachers complained about lighting, 75% indoor air quality.

This will be a 16.5-year commitment.

Mr. Traum asked if some of these costs are included in the facility project.

Superintendent Chamberlin said that all the items in the Performance Contract will be reviewed with Harriman Associates and Siemens to make sure there is no duplication.

6. Items for Discussion

a. Hopkinton/Hillsboro-Deering Football Location

Superintendent Chamberlin and Mr. Cass looked for strategies to address the use of a field for football. George Park could possibly be used for one year (5 games). Currently, 16 students are from Hopkinton, 14 from Hillsboro-Deering. Mr. Cairns inquired about bleachers, football brings out folks.

b. Town-School District Initiatives

- i. Flu Shots – School nurses provided flu shots for school and town employees
- ii. Paving Legislation

Superintendent Chamberlin stated that the recent paving project on Maple Street caused some concern regarding student safety for the walkers. The District was not given prior notice that the work would begin as school

started. Mr. Cass and Superintendent Chamberlin will work on better communication with the state when road work is slated for Hopkinton.

iii. Emergency Operations

Business Administrator Michele Clark is working on an Emergency Operation Plan with Chief Pecora and Chief Yale. It was noted that traffic congestion at Harold Martin needs to be addressed.

c. Annual Meeting Schedules

- i. School District Meeting Date – March 10, 2018
- ii. Town Meeting Date – March 17, 2018

d. Town Initiatives: Economic Study

Mr. Gerseny spoke about the economic committee work, plans to develop a more robust business base/tax base. The committee has engaged a firm to define a marketing plan. On the list is the Route 127/202 intersection and development. The 8-year plan is to develop a roundabout, not a bridge over.

e. School District Initiatives: Trauma and its impact on the health and education of students

Superintendent Chamberlin spoke of the grant the district received (\$50,000) to help with adverse childhood experiences and trauma. The funds will be used for staff professional development and to hire a social worker (3 days a week) who will be able to support the students and families impacted by trauma.

f. Possible Budget Drivers

- i. School District
 - Facility Renovation Plan
 - Enrollment
- ii. Town
 - Capital Improvement Plan
 - George Park

g. Next Meeting Date – Fall 2018

7. Public Comment (2)

Mr. Yiankopolos commented on the road work near his home by the DOT. Concerned for walkers near the walking trails. He also commented that the use of lacrosse and football would be better at the high school fields – use of facilities, press box,

Another community member commented on the “cool down” room at Harold Martin. She does not believe the space is beneficial for a student who has already been impacted by trauma.

8. Adjournment

There being no further comments, Ms. Durant closed the meeting at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Vincent
Administrative Assistant