

Hollis School District Enrollment Committee

December 18, 2024

3:15pm-4:15pm

Location: HPS

MEMBERS Present:

Anne Wake-DePasquale, HSB Committee Chair

Andrew Corey, Superintendent

Paula Izbicki, HPS Principal

Stephanie Sayer, HPS Senior Secretary

Ellen Roos-Unger, HPS Teacher

Julia Piskorski, HPS/HUES Parent Representative

Amy Kellner, Community Representative and HSB member

Mike Leavitt, Hollis Budget Committee and Planning Board Representative

Members absent: Raphael Zack, HSB Enrollment Alternate Representative and Hollis BudCom

Visitors:

Kevin Anderson, Town Planner & Environmental Coordinator

Susan Hsieh, Community Member

AGENDA

I. 3:15-3:20 **Welcome**

A. Introductions for Kevin Anderson

B. Overview of Agenda

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes: [November 20, 2024 DRAFT](#)

- Approved

II. 3:20-3:30 General Updates

- [December Enrollment Report](#), down 3: total HPS enrollment is 390 (NESDEC projection was 380)
 - a) Cleaned up links below (page 2)
- Wetlands and Traffic Study Warrant Article: \$164, 400 (down from 250K)
- **Important Dates:**
 - a) **January 29, 2025, 6pm, HPS:** HPS Community Information Session on Prospective Renovation and Addition
 - b) **February 11, 2025, 7pm, Town Hall:** Hollis Schools Public Hearing
 - c) **March 12, 2025:** Hollis Schools Annual Meeting

III. 3:30-4:05 **New Business and Discussion**

- A. Meeting with Town Planner, Kevin Anderson, and Planning Consultant, Mark Frougere (12/17)
- Paula Izbicki, Julia Piskorski, Anne Wake-DePasquale, and Stephanie attended the meeting.

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- We discussed what land has been built on, what is projected to be built on, and where we stand with the potential for more of an increase
 - The past few years for building single-family homes has been large but is now plateauing.
 - Takes 3 years for a development to be approved.
 - We are going to look at turnover for sales in town and families that move in with school-aged children.
 - There are 168 parcels in town. The parcels could be anything from 2 acres to 100 acres.
 - Of 327 lots created 20 years ago, about 68 remain vacant today. ("Lot" is defined as land sufficient for a single-family home, approx. 2-3 acres.)
 - Land is sold quickly these days; no more sitting on sale for years. Land in Hollis is high-value.
 - 12 units to be constructed on Ladd Lane
 - 35 units to be constructed over the next 3-10 years (Proctor Hill)
 - Resale of existing homes from couples w/o children to new families
 - We have multiple families in town that own two or more lots; we have no way of knowing whether they may opt to divide and sell in the future (e.g. Ord, Hall, Woodmont families, etc.)
 - Projections are inherently difficult due to a range of unpredictable factors
 - Even if we are plateauing it still means there are more potentials to build and increase student enrollment.
 - Kevin believes the town will cap out around 10,000 occupants.
 - We would like to have the information from Kevin on resale and potential build information for the Public Hearing/Town Meeting.
- B. Traffic Study
- What are you looking to get out of the plan?
 - Alleviate traffic in Silver Lake Road
 - Congestion at Four Corners
 - a) There isn't enough congestion throughout the day for it to be changed by the state. There are two peak points during the day and it does not hit failure. Traffic is moving, but it is backed up.
- C. Anne suggests canceling January and February meetings and attending the Information Session and Public Hearing instead.
- D. Information Session (1/29), Public Hearing (2/11), Town Meeting (3/12):
- **Getting the Word Out**
 - a) Hollis PreSchool
 - b) Hollis Academy
 - c) HPS Preschool
 - d) Little Beginnings PreSchool
 - e) Hollis Library
 - f) Facebook Pages to get information out.
 - g) HUES Sign

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- h) On front window
- i) Sandwich Boards Out Front & Back
- j) Handouts
- k) Sign at the Dump?
- l) Sign at 4 Corners - Owner of the store.
- m) PTA

E. What is the maximum capacity for each classroom for safety.

F. January and February Enrollment Committee Meetings

- **Proposed Next Meeting Date: March 19, 2025**

IV. 4:05-4:15 Closing

A. Next Steps—Getting the word out!

B. Next Meeting Date: HPS Community Information Session on Prospective Renovation and Addition on January 29, 2025 at 6pm. - HPS Cafeteria.

Useful Links For Quick Reference and Research:

[November Enrollment Report](#),

[Hollis Demographics and Housing Report](#)

[Timeline for Traditional Town Meeting \(includes deadlines for bond hearing and warrant articles\)](#)

[HPS and HUES Building and Site Plans Folder](#)

[NESDEC FY24 Enrollment Projection Report](#)

[NESDEC Hollis Historical Enrollment](#)

[Hollis, NH Population by Year](#)

[School Fire and Safety Inspection Checklist](#)

[Enrollment Committee Shared Folder](#)