

The Facilities Subcommittee met on Monday, January 27, 2025, in a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Jennifer Cullum, Andre King, Sara Ahern, Chris Dwelley, Doug Boulanger, Christina Mulligan, and Jen Kruczek.

Ms. Cullum called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.

Approve Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2025.

Recap of the January 13, 2025 CFAC Meeting

- Dr. Ahern stated the meeting with CFAC went well. They discussed the capital projects for FY'26. She shared a revised projects list with the School Committee. They added an entire HVAC replacement at BUES. CFAC was complimentary of the Schools tackling and confronting its facilities' needs. The second part of the conversation centered around the December 4 Facilities Subcommittee presentation to the School Committee in regards to a new school. They wanted to hear more about it. Dr. Ahern focused on the January 8 Facilities Subcommittee update at the School Committee meeting. They welcomed and appreciated the facilities and capital funding. The idea of an override or debt exclusion was a brief conversation.
- Ms. Cullum asked if the Facilities Subcommittee should speak at the next School Committee meeting to go over the Core Program further. The vote should go to the people. Dr. Ahern stated she does not know as she is not sure what would be added to what they do not already know.
- Mr. Dwelley stated CFAC would be good partners if the School Committee wanted to move forward on a new school project. It might be beneficial to see what the Town has ahead of them as well.
- Ms. Cullum asked if this Subcommittee could invite CFAC to their next meetings. Mr. King is not opposed to meeting with CFAC. He thinks the decision for a new school should be brought before the people. Ms. Cullum stated the more people they can get listening and supporting the project, the richer the argument becomes.
- Ms. Cullum stated the Facilities Subcommittee should plan their next meeting around when CFAC is available. Dr. Ahern stated CFAC has a regular meeting scheduled on Mondays. She will reach out to Mark Milne.
- Mr. Boulanger stated CFAC seemed receptive and glad the School Department was looking to facility items in the far off future.

MSBA Accelerated Repair Program Vote for February 5, 2025 School Committee Meeting

- Dr. Ahern stated this is on the agenda for the February 5 School Committee meeting. She applied to MSBA for an account. Then they can start working on the application in the system. The plan is for roofing at BHS and BIS.

Next Steps

- Ms. Cullum stated a meeting with CPAC should be the next Facilities Subcommittee meeting.
- Mr. King asked how the CFAC projects list will be incorporated into the budget meeting at the February 5 School Committee meeting. Dr. Ahern stated the items that go to CFAC are part of the Capital Improvement Projects and not part of the operating budget. The funds will come from savings or borrowing money. The operating budget is looking at a deficit going into FY'26. They will be augmenting the facilities budget for the operating budget.
- Mr. Dwelley stated he, Dr. Ahern, and Mr. Boulanger will be meeting with the Director of Finance and Town Manager regarding the Capital Improvement Projects for FY'26.

Motion by Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant