SOUTH HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIST OF EMAIL CORRESPONDENCES

May 11, 2026, School Building Committee

Emails received April 15 – April 30, 2026

Project Email (shbuilds@shschools.com)

- April 19 email (attached) from Mark Crowther requesting information about property values.
- April 22 email (attached) from Robet Shute, addressed to Lisa Wong requesting additional information about SH project emails process and responses to any open questions previously submitted to SBC but not responded to as of yet.
- April 23 email (attached) from Jeff Kristek opposing option #5 and requesting his email be shared prior to 04/29/206 SBC meeting.
- April 23 email (attached) from Gina Amodio opposing option #5
- April 22, April 29 (2) and April 30 emails (attached) from Ashley Crawley requesting live virtual participation via zoom, meetings be livestreamed on SHTV15 and

Note: Certain sender identifying information may be redacted in order to protect personal privacy while maintaining the substance of the correspondence for public record purposes.

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

property values

5 messages

Mark Crowther <mark.l.crowther@gmail.com> Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 11:48 AM
To: shbuilds@shschools.com

Hello,

During the March 18th meeting, in response to a question concerning property values in the Parkview neighborhood, committee member Rudi Hall mentioned that in the 10 years since completion of the Eastampton High School building project, property values have increased by 120%. On its own, 120 is a lonely number, so curious as to what sources he was quoting from and is that number limited to properties in close proximity to the school or the entire town of Easthampton. Please respond so that I may get a better understanding of the situation.

Thanks

Mark Crowther
32 Ashton Lane
South Hadley

Mark Crowther <mark.l.crowther@gmail.com> Mon, Apr 13, 2026 at 5:21 PM
To: shbuilds@shschools.com

Hello,

It's been three weeks since my initial email concerning property values, and almost two weeks since the last committee meeting ,where I was assured that my question would be addressed but I have not yet received a response. While I understand that committee membership is a voluntary position and not a full time position, I would have reasonably expected an answer by this juncture, especially when the committee member was able to seemingly quote property values relating to the Easthampton High School quite readily on March 18th and that his research appeared to have already been completed. I don't believe that I am asking for any additional research on the subject, just a review of his notes in greater detail. I plan on attending the April 15th meeting and hope that my simple question will be addressed prior to, or at the meeting.

Thank You

Mark Crowther

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Tue, Apr 14, 2026 at 10:36 AM
To: Mark Crowther <mark.l.crowther@gmail.com>

Hi Mark,

Thank you for your question regarding property values, and for your patience as we prepared a response.

As discussed at the March 18 School Building Committee meeting, one Committee member shared general observations based on prior project experience. That information was intended to provide context only and was not presented as a formal analysis or prediction. The example referenced was a high school project in Easthampton, with home values monitored on Trulia and Zillow, which was discussed in a general sense at the meeting.

Property values are influenced by a wide range of factors, including broader market conditions, neighborhood characteristics, and local economic trends. The School Building Committee does not conduct formal analysis related to

property values as part of its scope, and therefore is not in a position to make specific projections regarding how this project may impact individual properties.

More broadly, investment in public school facilities is often associated with maintaining and enhancing the overall quality of a community, which can be one of many factors considered by homebuyers.

The Committee's focus remains on evaluating the project options comprehensively, including educational, site, traffic, and community considerations. Public input, including questions such as yours, continues to be an important part of that process.

Thank you again for your engagement.

Sincerely,
South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
[Quoted text hidden]

Mark Crowther <mark.l.crowther@gmail.com> Sun, Apr 19, 2026 at 10:57 AM
To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Hello,

I can certainly agree with your assessment, if the committee member had spoken in general terms, but he offered a very specific scenario with very specific details including a very specific property value increase, and when asked by the committee chair to verify his information, he doubled down and repeated the same details, so it did nor appear that he was offering a general observation. Is it fair to say that he misspoke?

Thank you

Mark Crowther

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Mon, Apr 27, 2026 at 3:03 PM
To: Mark Crowther <mark.l.crowther@gmail.com>

Hi Mark,

Thank you for your follow-up.

To clarify, the comment shared at the March 18 meeting was intended as a general, anecdotal observation based on personal experience and was not presented as verified data or as a formal finding of the School Building Committee. The Committee has not independently reviewed or validated the specific figures referenced, and they should not be interpreted as an official analysis or projection.

As noted previously, the Committee does not conduct formal property value analysis as part of its scope. Property values are influenced by a range of factors beyond a single project, and the Committee is not in a position to confirm or quantify specific impacts.

The Committee's focus remains on evaluating the project options based on educational needs, site considerations, traffic, and overall community benefit. We appreciate your engagement and your participation

in the process.

Sincerely,
South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 2:07 PM
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below.* If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
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BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM
To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>, "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM
To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.

Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.

In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator

Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

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South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account

and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

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---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

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Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

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On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.
    a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing

with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.

b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.

2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

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b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

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----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.



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On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School
Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Fri, May 1, 2026 at 9:56 AM
To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.

Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.

In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their

work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below.* If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along

Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails?

The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

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If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to

community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.

a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.
b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.

2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

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1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

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b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

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From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

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the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute

On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.

SHES Project Directory_PDP_revised 03252026.docx

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School
Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM

To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon:

I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers to the questions contained in those emails nor do I consider the suggestion that I watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a reasonable response. I have contacted the MSBA regarding my concern that your plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information that would allow me to thoroughly review and comment on the results of the traffic study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to the Building Committee with instructions to reply to me directly and with a cc to MSBA. It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name of the individual (and his/her affiliation) who sent that email and who, specifically, responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane

South Hadley, MA
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below.* If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect

that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For

the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your

specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that

there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------

From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.
    a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.
    b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
    c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.
2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to

reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.

3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested

from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.



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On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Fri, May 1, 2026 at 2:34 PM
To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon,

The email is monitored throughout the week. Going forward emails to the shbuilding@shschools.com will be addressed only during the open School Building Committee Meeting. Please see our responses to your previous email below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

If the study area is to be expanded, additional data collection would begin shortly after approval of the proposal and be complete within 2 weeks. The study will be conducted on the preferred solution selected on 5/11. The final study would then be available end of May / early June. This study is specifically shown out to be completed in Schematic Design submission with the MSBA. However because it is being expedited and done with the PSR submission this will allow for additional comments during the Schematic Design phase when it is typically completed. Traffic flow onsite is not finilzed at this submission.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

Yes, the building would be razed. Grass would be planted in place of the existing school.

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

The Town of South Hadley contracts with Mount Vernon Group for all design services. Mount Vernon Group presented an additional service request to facilitate the traffic study by their subconsultant Fuss & O'Neill. Invoices and proposal from all subconsultants are included as backup documentation when either are submitted to the School Building Committee.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

Yes, as with all votes to date they have been take in an open session during a publicly advertised meeting.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

Scales have been included on the most recent presentations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.

Fuss and ONeill was collecting measurements to evaluate existing conditions and use them for the traffic study of the solution selected by the School Building Committee.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon:

I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers to the questions contained in those emails nor do I consider the suggestion that I watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a reasonable response. I have contacted the MSBA regarding my concern that your plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information that would allow me to thoroughly review and comment on the results of the traffic study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to the Building Committee with instructions to reply to me directly and with a cc to MSBA. It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name of the individual (and his/her affiliation) who sent that email and who, specifically, responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair

Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please*

though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below. If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that

board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of

your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have

on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
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---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
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South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.

a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.
b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.

2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my

questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

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Robert Shute
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South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------

From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

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was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.



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On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School
Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> Mon, May 4, 2026 at 12:31 PM

To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon:

I have received your 5/1/26 email below which answered some, but not all of my questions. I will revisit the unanswered questions later but, in the meantime, please let me know the email addresses for Mt. Vernon Group, Skanska and Fuss and O'Neill. I am sending letters to each via USPS, but I thought they may want to receive them via email as well for expediency.

Also, please let me know the name and affiliation of the individual at the Building Project email address who send your 5/1/26 email.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

On 05/01/2026 2:34 PM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The email is monitored throughout the week. Going forward emails to the shbuilding@shschools.com will be addressed only during the open School Building Committee Meeting. Please see our responses to your previous email below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

If the study area is to be expanded, additional data collection would begin shortly after approval of the proposal and be complete within 2 weeks. The study will be conducted on the preferred solution selected on 5/11. The final study would then be available end of May / early June. This study is specifically shown out to be completed in Schematic Design submission with the MSBA. However because it is being expedited and done with the PSR submission this will allow for additional comments during the Schematic Design phase when it is typically completed. Traffic flow onsite is not finilzed at this submission.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

Yes, the building would be razed. Grass would be planted in place of the existing school.

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

The Town of South Hadley contracts with Mount Vernon Group for all design services. Mount Vernon Group presented an additional service request to facilitate the traffic study by their subconsultant Fuss & O'Neill. Invoices and proposal from all subconsultants are included as backup documentation when either are submitted to the School Building Committee.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

Yes, as with all votes to date they have been take in an open session during a publicly advertised meeting.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

Scales have been included on the most recent presentations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.

Fuss and ONeill was collecting measurements to evaluate existing conditions and use them for the traffic study of the solution selected by the School Building Committee.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon:

I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers to the questions contained in those emails nor do I consider the suggestion that I watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a reasonable response. I have contacted the MSBA regarding my concern that your plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information that would allow me to thoroughly review and comment on the results of the traffic study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to the Building Committee with instructions to reply to me directly and with a cc to MSBA. It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name of the individual (and his/her affiliation) who sent that email and who, specifically, responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building

committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below.* If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of

your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have

on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
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South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.

a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.
b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.

2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my

questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

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From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting

was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.



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On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School
Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Tue, May 5, 2026 at 7:53 AM
To: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good morning, Mr. Shute,

The general process is that a member of the Skanska OPM team sends approved email responses on behalf of the following SBC members:

- Lisa Wong – Town Administrator – SBC Member
- Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools – SBC Member
- Eric Friesner – School Committee Chair – SBC Member
- Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair SBC - Selectboard
- Diane Mulvaney – Chair SBC

The contact information for the firms you have requested is listed below:

Skanska USA
101 Seaport Boulevard, Suite 200
Boston, MA 02210
Email: nicholas.lobik@skanska.com

Mount Vernon Group
1350 Main Street
Suite 1110
Springfield, MA 01103
Email: cleblanc@mvgarchitects.com

Fuss & O'Neill
1550 Main Street
Suite 400
Springfield, MA 01103
Email: cleblanc@mvgarchitects.com (communications will be forwarded to Fuss & O'Neill)

Sincerely,
Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Mon, May 4, 2026 at 12:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon:

I have received your 5/1/26 email below which answered some, but not all of my questions. I will revisit the unanswered questions later but, in the meantime, please let me know the email addresses for Mt. Vernon Group, Skanska and Fuss and O'Neill. I am sending letters to each via USPS, but I thought they may want to receive them via email as well for expediency.

Also, please let me know the name and affiliation of the individual at the Building Project email address who send your 5/1/26 email.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

On 05/01/2026 2:34 PM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The email is monitored throughout the week. Going forward emails to the shbuilding@shschools.com will be addressed only during the open School

Building Committee Meeting. Please see our responses to your previous email below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

If the study area is to be expanded, additional data collection would begin shortly after approval of the proposal and be complete within 2 weeks. The study will be conducted on the preferred solution selected on 5/11. The final study would then be available end of May / early June. This study is specifically shown out to be completed in Schematic Design submission with the MSBA. However because it is being expedited and done with the PSR submission this will allow for additional comments during the Schematic Design phase when it is typically completed. Traffic flow onsite is not finilzed at this submission.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

Yes, the building would be razed. Grass would be planted in place of the existing school.

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

The Town of South Hadley contracts with Mount Vernon Group for all design services. Mount Vernon Group presented an additional service request to facilitate the traffic study by their subconsultant Fuss & O'Neill. Invoices and proposal from all subconsultants are included as backup documentation when either are submitted to the School Building Committee.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

Yes, as with all votes to date they have been take in an open session during a publicly advertised meeting.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

Scales have been included on the most recent presentations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.

Fuss and ONeill was collecting measurements to evaluate existing conditions and use them for the traffic study of the solution selected by the School Building Committee.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon:

I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers to the questions contained in those emails nor do I consider the suggestion that I watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a reasonable response. I have contacted the MSBA regarding my concern that your plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information that would allow me to thoroughly review and comment on the results of the traffic study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to the Building Committee with instructions to reply to me directly and with a cc to MSBA. It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name of the individual (and his/her affiliation) who sent that email and who, specifically, responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.

Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.

In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator

Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6*

and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below. If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane

South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account

and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
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---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

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Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.
    a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing

with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.

b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.

2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
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c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

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----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.



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On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School
Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

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BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> Thu, May 7, 2026 at 12:45 PM

To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>, "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>

Good afternoon:

I am following up on my 5/4/26 email as well as your 5/1/16 email that partially answered questions going to my 4/22/26 email (all in the email chain below.)

Please let me know the name and affiliation of the individual at the Building Project email address who replies to this email and the individual and affiliation of whoever who send your 5/1/26 email. Someone answering anonymously for the Committee told me to watch a 1-hour, 40-minute Committee meeting video to find the answers to my emailed questions. I watched the video where receipt of my email was noted, but with no response whatsoever. Standard professional courtesy is to sign communications with a name and affiliation for accountability. Anonymity enables this kind of dismissive response which in turn permits the Committee to keep the public uninformed while pushing forward to its 5/11/26 vote.

As to your 5/1/26 comments in red font below, please see my follow-up in blue font in the email chain below.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Cc: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 05/04/2026 12:31 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon:

I have received your 5/1/26 email below which answered some, but not all of my questions. I will revisit the unanswered questions later but, in the meantime, please let me know the email addresses for Mt. Vernon Group, Skanska and Fuss and O'Neill. I am sending letters to each via USPS, but I thought they may want to receive them via email as well for expediency.

Also, please let me know the name and affiliation of the individual at the Building Project email address who send your 5/1/26 email.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA

On 05/01/2026 2:34 PM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The email is monitored throughout the week. Going forward emails to the shbuilding@shschools.com will be addressed only during the open School Building Committee Meeting. Please see our responses to your previous email below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

If the study area is to be expanded, additional data collection would begin shortly after approval of the proposal and be complete within 2 weeks. The study will be conducted on the preferred solution selected on 5/11. The final study would then be available end of May / early June. This study is specifically shown out to be completed in Schematic Design submission with the MSBA. However because it is being expedited and done with the PSR submission this will allow for additional comments during the Schematic Design phase when it is typically completed. Traffic flow onsite is not finilzed at this submission.

Thank you for that information but also for clarity and per my original email, that question called for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists as pert of the town's planned procedure

2.) *If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)* *Please answer this question (every part) as no answer was provided.*

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) *If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?*

Yes, the building would be razed. Grass would be planted in place of the existing school.

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

The Town of South Hadley contracts with Mount Vernon Group for all design services. Mount Vernon Group presented an additional service request to facilitate the traffic study by their subconsultant Fuss & O'Neill. Invoices and proposal from all subconsultants are included as backup documentation when either are submitted to the School Building Committee.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

Yes, as with all votes to date they have been take in an open session during a publicly advertised meeting. I understand that votes will be taken in open session during a public noticed meeting. However, ther was an additional element to my question which was not addressed: "will a **roll call** vote be taken in open session..." (Emphasis added.) By roll call vote I mean where each committee member's name is called one by one. Each member votes yes, no, or abstain and the vote is recorded by individual name so everyone can see who voted which way. This would be as opposed to a voice vote where all members vote aye or nay at the same time and the chair decides which side sounds louder, or a show of hands or other method where no individual votes are recorded. or general consent where no individual votes are recorded. Please clarify.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

Scales have been included on the most recent presentations.

I am respectfully re-asking this question. You suggested that the most recent versions have maps scales, but the illustrations don't seem to be consolidated in one place. Also, and I cannot locate any versions of the "behind MES Middle School" proposals that have map scales and I don't want to have another time-consuming fruitless search like you sent me on regarding the answers to my emails supposedly being on the recording of a committee meeting.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please

list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.

Fuss and ONeill was collecting measurements to evaluate existing conditions and use them for the traffic study of the solution selected by the School Building Committee.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 1:11 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon:

I saw on the video of the 4/29/26 meeting that my emails prior to that date were noted and summarized. I cannot locate, however, the answers to the questions contained in those emails nor do I consider the suggestion that I watch a one hour and forty-minute video of the whole Building Committee meeting in the hope of hearing the answers to my questions to be a reasonable response. I have contacted the MSBA regarding my concern that your plans (especially but not limited to obtaining and submitting the traffic study) seem to be moving forward faster than I am receiving information that would allow me to thoroughly review and comment on the results of the traffic study among other things. The MSBA told me that, if necessary, I could send my questions to them. They would then forward my questions to the Building Committee with instructions to reply to me directly and with a cc to MSBA. It should not be necessary to involve MSBA for this type of administrative matter but that will be my next step if you do not respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

Please respond as previously requested, with itemized emailed responses to the itemized requests contained in my 4/22/26 email in the chain below.

I notice that your email came from the building project committee's email address, via sanska@shschools.com. Please let me know the name of the individual (and

his/her affiliation) who sent that email and who, specifically, responds to this email. Please also let me know the email addresses for the Mount Vernon Group and Fuss and O'Neill.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
On 05/01/2026 9:56 AM EDT Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:

Good morning. The recording from 04/29/2026 SBC meeting has been published publicly. You can watch the video posted online, via the project website. *https://vimeo.com/1188232893*

Any emails prior to that meeting, were addressed in the public meeting.

Sincerely, South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> wrote:
Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project. We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while

participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee

On Fri, May 1, 2026 at 7:32 AM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Dear Elementary School Project Building Committee and Town Manager Wong:

I am following up on my 4/22/26 email (forwarded below) to which I have received neither acknowledgement nor substantive response.

My questions 1 and 2 go back to my 4/10/26 email, with my 4/22/26 email requesting clarification of Ms. Wong's 4/14/26 response. The remaining numbered items seek information that is readily available to the Committee. With the Committee moving forward rapidly with the traffic study and other aspects of the project, your timely response with the information requested becomes all the more urgent. Now nine days after my 4/22/26 email, I ask that you email a substantive reply by the close of business today, 5/1/26. If for any reason you cannot, then please, (both of you) upon receipt of this email:

a.) Confirm that you received it; and,
b.) Let me know when and from whom I may expect to receive a timely substantive emailed response.
c.) How frequently is the shbuilds@shschools.com email checked and who is responsible for responding?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Cc: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>
Date: 04/22/2026 2:07 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Further to our recent email exchange discussed below, I have been contacting you as town manager and as a member of the building committee. I understand from your responses that you prefer that building project questions be directed to the building committee. At this email contains follow-up questions to our discussion, the committee would have no context for addressing my questions. I have, nevertheless, included the building committee on the CC line for reference going forward. *Please though, Ms. Wong, upon receipt of this email, let me know the specific individual from whom I should expect a substantive emailed reply, itemized 1, 2, 3a and b, 4, 5 a-c, 6 and 7a-b. to align with my itemized inquiries below.* If the response will be coming from the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee, then please include in the sign-off the name and title of the individual sending committee responses, rather than only the collective sign-off, so tthe communication is attributable to an identifiable official.

I have reviewed your 4/14/26 response to my 4/10/26 email regarding the upcoming traffic safety study. Your explanation: "In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30-minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns" is fine as far as it goes regarding *pre* traffic safety study events, but it does not address my specific inquiries regarding opportunities for public review of, and commentary on the traffic study findings and conclusions ***after*** completion of the study but ***before*** its submission to the state, which I had put in italics for emphasis.

To recap, your 4/8/26 email included the following statement: "The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission." My 4/10/26 inquiries about that statement are restated in essence below:

1.) If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please confirm whether the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee. Respectfully, that calls for a simple yes or no response, the answer to which necessarily exists already as part of the town's planned procedure.

2.) If the public will have the opportunity to review and critique the traffic study before the study is submitted to the state along with the construction option ultimately chosen by the Building Committee, please explain precisely when and where the study could be reviewed and by what means public commentary could be made (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.)

I now have additional questions, the first of which I had submitted on 4/1/26 to the Selectboard email address, thinking that my specific question was more within that board's purview. Since I have not received a response and since the issue is related generally to the Mosier School site and building project, please let me know:

3.) If the Building Committee were to vote to move forward with one of the architect's proposals that would locate the new Mosier School across Mosier St. and behind the Middle School, a.) will the current Mosier School be razed, and b.) (whether it will be razed or not) what use will be made of the current Mosier School site, e.g., school related parking and/or fields, repurposing the building for other school department purposes, repurposing the building for other town purposes, or selling the property for private or non-profit use, etc.?

4.) Your 4/14/26 email states that "Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group." If I recall correctly, at the 3/31/26 meeting of the building committee, the committee approved payment to Fuss and O'Neill for traffic study services. If you could clarify whether it is Mount Vernon Group or Fuss and O'Neill that is contracted for traffic study services, it would be greatly appreciated. If it is not Fuss and O'Neill, please explain what appeared to be a Fuss and O'Neill invoice that was shown at the 3/31/26 building committee meeting and approved for payment by the committee at that time.

5.) When the time comes for the building committee to vote on which building option it will submit to the state for approval: a.) will the vote be by roll call vote and b.) will a roll call vote be taken in open session during a duly noticed public meeting that will be recorded by South Hadley Community Television? c.) If the answer to either 5a or 5b is no, please explain the exact procedure and setting for the project approval vote.

6.) As the publicly available site illustrations do not seem to include map scales, please provide a ranked list of *all* construction-site proposals and modified proposals prepared to date, ordered from highest to lowest based on the amount of on-site queuing space available for parent drop-off and pick-up vehicles, and include the number of vehicles each proposal can accommodate on site at the same time. For the site options that include a "gate" intended to separate parent traffic from maintenance/service traffic, please do not include the maintenance/service portion of paved area in the calculations.

7. On April 15, 2026, prior to the Building Committee meeting later that day, a representative of Fuss and O'Neill was observed taking measurements along Parkview Drive and at the intersection of Parkview Drive and Mosier Street. Please

list the construction options (name/number) for which Fuss and O'Neill (and/or other traffic study companies): a.) was conducting site measurements and/or other site evaluation work on April 15, 2026; and, b. has conducted site measurements and/or other site evaluation work at any other time as of the date of your response.
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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
On 04/14/2026 2:09 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Hi Mr. Shute,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for your recent follow-up.

We ask that all project-related correspondence be directed through the School Building Committee (shbuilds@shschools.com) email account so that communications are properly tracked, coordinated, and responded to with input from the full project team. The Committee is responsible for overseeing the project and coordinating with the project team, including the designer and consultants, so routing questions through this channel helps ensure consistency and completeness in responses.

The Building Committee email account is monitored by representatives of the project management team, the SBC Chair, the Superintendent's office, and Town Administration. There is an internal process for review and coordination prior to issuing responses. Due to the volume and complexity of inquiries, responses may take additional time, though the Committee aims to respond within approximately one week when feasible. Please note that the inbox is not monitored on weekends or holidays.

With respect to your April 6 emails, responses were issued on April 13. As noted in that correspondence, design options can be viewed within the SBC meeting presentations. The most recent materials are available on the Meetings and Events section of the project website: https://www.southhadleyschools.org/our-schools/south-hadley-elementary-building-project/meetings-events. The Committee has also requested that display boards be available at future meetings, as appropriate to the agenda.

Regarding the traffic study, the contract for these services is held by Mount Vernon Group. As such, all questions and comments should continue to be directed through the Building Committee so they can be reviewed and coordinated with the appropriate parties. This approach ensures that all input is documented and addressed through the project's established communication process.

In response to community feedback, the traffic engineer will attend the April 15 SBC meeting to explain the study methodology and respond to questions. There will be a 30 minute open comment period at the close of the meeting for public attendees to raise their questions/concerns.

The traffic study is anticipated to begin during the week of April 13, with the exact start date currently being finalized. The study itself is expected to take approximately two to three weeks to complete, with the full report anticipated in mid to late May. Following completion, the report will be reviewed by Mount Vernon Group, the project team, and the Building Committee. Due to the submission schedule with the state the study will be included as part of the submission to the state shortly after the Building Committee review.

Thank you again for your questions and patience as we work on responses to emails inquires regarding the project.

Best regards,
Lisa Wong

On Fri, Apr 10, 2026 at 2:12 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Thank you for your 4/8/26 email below. Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:
that you have received it; and,
when I may expect a substantive response.

I understand your request that I send any follow-up questions to the Building Committee's email address. However, this follow-up is partly for clarification of your specific message regarding the traffic study and partly regarding your specific request that I address any questions about the traffic study to the Building Committee. The Building Committee would have no context for responding, hence this email to you.

Regarding contact through the Building Committee's email address, how often is it monitored and who is responsible for monitoring and responding to incoming emails? The reason I ask is that I sent two companion emails to that email address on April 6, 2026 regarding an important but simple housekeeping request applicable to the

approaching April 15, 2026 Building Committee meeting. To date I have had no response. I will copy and paste those messages at the end of this email so hopefully you can initiate a timely response from the appropriate person.

Regarding the traffic study sequence, your enumerated responses did not align with my enumerated questions so I want to make sure I understand the following portion of your response: ("The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.") *If I understand correctly, that means that the public will not have the opportunity to see the traffic study until after it has been submitted to the state, meaning in effect that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the study until it is too late for any critique to be considered. Please let me know if my understanding is correct. If it is not correct, please explain precisely when and by what means (in writing, at a public meeting, etc.) the public would have the opportunity to critique the traffic study before it is sent to the state with the PSR submission.*

If my understanding is correct that the public will have no opportunity to review and critique the traffic study until it is submitted to the state (and thus too late for any critique to be considered,) that brings us to your request that questions regarding the traffic study be directed to the Building Committee which then would refer the questions to Mount Vernon Group. Your request would be reasonable if the traffic study were made available for the public to review it and comment on it before submission of the study to the state. However, not providing the traffic study prior to submission to the state means that rather than being able to ask questions about the traffic study results, the public has to hypothesize as to what deficiencies the traffic study may contain, and make comments accordingly, before the study results are publicly revealed. With that being the case and with my having a general understanding of how traffic safety studies are conducted, there may be material safety considerations that will not be apparent to the traffic safety study company and that are likely to result in injury if not accounted for and effectively addressed by the traffic study, architect or contractor. If a liability situation were to arise in the future as a result of an architect, contractor and/or traffic safety study company making an unsafe recommendation that ignored a known safety risk, it would be important that there be proof that any such company had been on prior notice of the safety risk that it failed to mitigate. The only effective way to put companies on notice is via correspondence directly to such companies, and not through the Building Committee. Therefore, if such notice becomes necessary, it will be sent directly to the relevant company/companies, but certainly with a copy to you.

Per paragraph three above: Copies of two 4/6/26 emails from Robert Shute to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM

Good evening:

Further to my email below from earlier today, 4/6/26, I also meant to ask that you bring to all future Building Committee meetings all of the color illustrations you have on posterboard depicting the various building options. This will facilitate comparison of the various options better than seeing them projected sequentially.

I also ask that if the illustrations of all options are not available online that you post them online and indicate how to locate them.

Please, upon receipt of this email let me know:

a.) that you received it; and,
b.) whether you agree to bring whatever posterboard illustrations you have to all future Building Committee meetings; and,
c. whether you agree to post online the illustrations of all building options.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE
<bshute@comcast.net>To: shbuilds@shschools.com
Date: 04/06/2026 12:41 PM EDT
Subject: Mosier School Building Project: proposal illustrations

Good afternoon:

If you could let me know as soon as possible where (preferably online, but in person if necessary) I can view and copy illustrations of the seven original building proposals, plus the three additional ones presented at the March 31,2026 Building Committee Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
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South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you Ms. Wong, and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

On 04/08/2026 2:19 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Please respond to SHBUILDS@SHSCHOOLS.COM with any followup questions or comments.

Thank you for your questions and comments. The School Building Committee has been meeting monthly since July of 2025 when MSBA approved Mosier Elementary into their program to identify the best path forward. The meeting agendas have been posted on the Town of South Hadley Website for the community's awareness . We originally had no committee meetings planned for the month of March due to where we were in the estimation process but added 2 emergency meetings in order to address the community's concerns regarding the design selection the School Building Committee has made and traffic flow. Those meetings were also posted in advance as required by Public Meeting Law. If you have not already signed up for the email distribution list to stay informed on all upcoming events, you may sign up here. All future questions and communications regarding the Mosier Elementary School Project should be directed to shbuilds@shschools.com.

Responding to your questions below:

1. The School Building Committee had extensive discussions regarding all the alternatives that were presented to the committee along with the pros and cons of each. These discussions included overall disruptions and impacts on daily educational experiences, overall safety of the students and staff, disruptions to community and student use of shared spaces such as fields and playgrounds, growth plans for the school district now and 10 years from now and how best

plan ahead for that growth, construction challenges or advantages of each site, addressing current bus and parent drop off and traffic flow concerns as well as many other considerations. The selection was thoughtfully considered as being in the best interest of the district.

a. The traffic study has not been conducted and is not expected to be conducted until a final design selection had been identified by the committee. As mentioned in the 3/31 meeting, baseline information has been gathered from the school district that includes the current number of buses, vans and parent cars that come to the school for morning and afternoon pickups and drop offs. The traffic engineer has done nothing with that information yet but will use it as a baseline when the study is conducted. Once authorized, the study will take 2 weeks to conduct, and the report will take approximately 8 weeks to complete following the observations and study.
b. The traffic study will be sent to the Architect for initial review of findings and later presented to the School Building Committee for further review and discussion. Any suggestions the traffic study finds for making changes to improve potential congestion or other ways to redirect the traffic flow will be taken into account and the design selection will be modified accordingly based on agreed upon improvements. The study will become public once it has been reviewed and vetted by all contracted parties and sent to the State with the PSR submission.
c. The building committee will continue to have an open comment period on all publicly posted meetings. This is the documentation process for all SBC and SBC subcommittee meetings. Future community meetings, not yet scheduled, will be recorded by video in partnership with South Hadley Community Television. Meeting minutes are posted to the website once they have been approved by the committee at the following scheduled meeting.

2. The MSBA process clearly outlines the order of the steps that need to be taken, and the selection of the design is the first step followed by a traffic study. The School Building Committee convened for several months discussing and heavily debating the best alternative for the both the District and the Town. After a thorough evaluation, we believe Alt. #5 will best serve the District, but based on community feedback to date, we are willing to reconsider other options as more concerns and opinions have been shared in recent weeks.
3. The traffic engineer will attend the 4/15 SBC meeting to greater explain how they conduct their study and the factors they take into account when presenting their findings. Mount Vernon Group holds their contract and any questions or communications regarding the traffic study should go through the School Building Committee who will then refer the question to the Mount Vernon Group for response. We appreciate you cooperation in directing all questions or comments to the School Building Committee.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 1:06 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I am following up on our emails below. Respectfully, it has been eleven days since you informed me that you had asked the project manager to provide answers to my questions involving the traffic safety study. My earlier questions are consolidated in this email so that you do not have to search through past messages. I understand that as of the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, some additional proposals now are being considered, but the questions about the traffic safety report still apply.

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a. that you received it; and,
b. when I may expect to receive a substantive response, enumerated to match my individual questions and sub-questions.

The School Building Committee has been moving quickly, with meetings recently being scheduled in rapid succession and on short notice- including this evening, 3/31/26. In order to address my concerns to the Committee in timely fashion, I respectfully need, *today,* the information you indicated you said you would obtain from the project manager and provide to me. So that you don't have to scroll through our email history the information at issue is:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3. I also reiterate my request for the complete contact information for whatever company is going to perform the traffic safety study. The name Brennan Consulting appears in the Project Team Directory but without contact information. However, at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting, the company name Fuss and O'Neill was mentioned.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute

27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/31/2026 2:01 PM EDT
Subject: Fwd: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

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Sincerely,
Robert Shute
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South Hadley, MA 01075

----- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/27/2026 11:19 AM EDT
Subject: Re: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Hello Ms. Wong:

Thank you for confirming that the project manager is working on a response. In the meantime, as I mentioned, the project directory you sent me does not have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 10:05 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Correct the project manager is developing a response.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 10:01 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good evening Ms. Wong:

The link to the school building project directory does work- thank you. It does not, however have any contact information for whatever company (Brennan Consulting?) is going to perform the traffic safety study. Please provide me with the name and full contact information.

The timeline you attached is a general timeline which does not provide any of the specific timeline-related information requested in #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email below. Please, therefore, confirm that the timeline you attached was not intended as a substitute for the information you said in an email earlier today you had requested from your project manager and please confirm that you will be responding again with the answers to those questions.

For your reference I have copied and pasted #1a-c and #2 from my 3/24/26 email here:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know **if, when** and **where** the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
b.) submit written commentary regarding the traffic safety report; and,
c.) be heard publicly regarding the traffic safety study results and other topics, at any official meetings of which a record is kept (which I understand the 3/18/26 meeting was not) of the Elementary School Building Committee and/or any other town board or authority dealing with the Elementary School Building Project.

2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

Sincerely,
Robert Shute
On 03/26/2026 8:29 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Try this link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R6eQCV53PMXABqumCKe-vFIoJrZIbtPRgbFfaP8DYSg/edit?usp=drivesdk

The School Building Committee oversees the project. The School Building Committee represents school and town leadership, School Committee, Facilities Department, educators, architects, residents, industry professionals, parents, town meeting members, and more. They are the body that makes the required votes.

Timeline is attached.

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:32 PM Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:
Not sure what formal involvement the boards other than the Building Committee need at the moment so would need the manager to weigh in. Selectboard and School Committee have representatives on the building committee. Here is the directory.

SHES Project Directory_PDP_revised 03252026.docx

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 4:16 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

I appreciate your response indicating that you have contacted the project manager for a timeline and I look forward to receiving that information.

The information requested in questions 3 and 4a-e of my 3/24/26 email below, however, seems more within the purview of your office and should be readily available. If you would forward that information now, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MQ 01075
On 03/26/2026 3:25 PM EDT Lisa Wong <lwong@southhadleyma.gov> wrote:

Received. Reached out to our project manager for some answers and will see if they have a timeline.

Lisa

On Thu, Mar 26, 2026 at 1:31 PM BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net> wrote:
Good afternoon Ms. Wong:

Please, upon receipt of this email, let me know:

a.) that you received my 3/24/26 email (forwarded below); and,
b.) when I may expect to receive a substantive, emailed response to the questions contained in that email.

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075
---------- Original Message ----------
From: BARBARA & ROBERT SHUTE <bshute@comcast.net>
To: "LWong@southhadleyma.gov" <LWong@southhadleyma.gov>
Date: 03/24/2026 8:18 PM EDT
Subject: S.H. Elementary School Building Project questions to town administrator Lisa Wong

Good evening Ms. Wong;

I attended the 3/18/26 Elementary School Building Committee meeting at which you also were in attendance. I have some follow-up questions with which I hope you can assist me:

1.) It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the Elementary School Building Committee already has selected its preferred building option, that being #5. It also was apparent that the selection of #5 was made, inexplicably, without benefit of the yet-to-be-conducted traffic safety report. Please let me know if, when and where the public will have any opportunities to:

a.) review the traffic safety report; and,
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2. Will the events 1a-c above occur before the "preferred" option #5 is presented to the MSBA for approval?

3.) What South Hadley town entities (e.g., Elementary School Building Committee, Selectboard, School Committee, etc.) have any role in the Elementary School Building Project, and what, in chronological order, is the role of each?

4. Please confirm the entity names, USPS mailing addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for the following:

a.) The project architect entity (Mount Vernon Group?)
b.) The project management entity (Skanska?)
c.) The traffic safety study entity
d.) All business entities involved in any way with the design, planning, construction and/or general administration of the Elementary School Building Project
e.) All South Hadley town entities listed in response to #3, above.

If you could reply to these inquiries via email, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Shute
27 Ashton Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Support the "Mosier on Mosier" Option Reject Option 5

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Thu, Apr 23, 2026 at 11:59 AM
To: jkristek115@gmail.com, SHPS Building Project <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Jeff,

Thank you for your continued engagement and for sharing your perspective.

The School Building Committee appreciates hearing from abutters and community members, and your comments regarding Option #5, as well as the alternatives you noted, have been received and will be shared with the full Committee for consideration prior to our 4/29/2026 SBC meeting.

As discussed at our most recent meeting, the Committee has extended its timeline to allow for further evaluation of the options, including additional analysis related to site layout, traffic, and overall impacts. Community input, including feedback such as yours, is an important part of that process.

Thank you,
South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
[Quoted text hidden]

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Questions for the committee regarding Mosier School design selection

gina amodio <gmamodio@gmail.com> Tue, Apr 28, 2026 at 9:15 AM
To: "shbuilds@shschools.com" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Good morning,

My name is Gina Hargrave-Amodio and I live at 2 Parkview Drive, and am an abutter to Mosier School. I've written before stating my opposition to design option #5, which would place the new school building and bus traffic directly on Parkview Drive. Again, I thank the committee for continuing to hear resident's feedback and concerns. Today I am writing with some questions based on reviewing the posted minutes from school building committee meetings, and the recordings of the December and February community forums:

- Most of the neighbors I've spoken to (myself included) were unaware of the community forums before they occurred in December and February. The December 3rd committee meeting minutes stated there would be "targeted outreach to key stakeholders" in advance of the December forum. Why didn't "key stakeholders" include abutters or residents of the neighborhood adjacent to Mosier?

- In the recording of the December 11th community forum, the Superintendent stated "we are going to have many more community forums coming up." As far as I can tell, there was only one other community forum in February. Were there additional community forums presenting the design options to residents?

- I'm curious about the actual amount of community input that went into the school building committee's initial decision to focus on options #4 and #5. I see in meeting minutes that 28 individuals attended the December community forum (18 in person, 10 via Zoom). How many were residents of the neighborhood most impacted (Parkview Dr., W. Parkview Dr., Ashton Ln., Blueberry Bend, Mosier Street)? How many community members were present at the February community forum, and how many of those attendees were residents of the impacted neighborhood?

In the recording of the December community forum, six community members made comments or asked questions, and none (based on their stated address) live in the impacted neighborhood. Based on the meeting recording of the February community forum, the committee had already decided to focus solely on options #4 and #5 prior to the February community forum. Does that mean that the committee made that decision after collecting input from **only the 28 community members** present at the December community forum, and with minimal or no input from abutters or residents of the most impacted neighborhood?

The number of community members opposed to the selected option #5 – including the 26 residents who attended the March 18th school building committee meeting, the 28 residents who attended the March 31st meeting, the 27 residents at the April 15th meeting, and the 248 community members who signed the petition, most of whom are from the neighborhood that will be most impacted – far exceed the number of residents who were aware of and able to participate in the two community forums. Attendees of the February forum were only given options to vote on #4 and #5 – not the full set of design options, meaning they effectively had no say in the site location (current site vs. middle school) and really only got to vote on the grades 1-5 vs. 2-4 configuration. Furthermore, the recording shows only 7 people voted in that poll and only three offered questions or comments.

It appears that minimal community input went into the committee's decision, with little to no feedback

from the nearby neighbors who will be most impacted by the selected design. I urge the committee to listen to the input of the neighbors most impacted by the design decision – to us, the selected design and whether the school building and traffic remain in the current location, or are moved to Parkview Drive, matters very much and I hope our input informs the committee's final decision. Of the options currently on the table, it is clear residents of the impacted neighborhood would prefer design option #3 or the new Mosier on Mosier option.

Thank you,
Gina

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Request for Cost Information – Elementary School Project

2 messages

Ashley Crawley <ashleydcrawley@gmail.com> Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 9:30 AM
To: jvoyik@shschools.com, LWong@southhadleyma.gov, shbuilds@shschools.com

Good morning Superintendent Voyik, Town Administrator Wong, and the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee (SBC),

I'm writing to request some additional detail regarding the current and projected costs associated with the elementary school building project.

Specifically, I'm hoping to better understand:

1. The total amount spent to date on the project, including feasibility, design, Owner's Project Manager (OPM), and any other consulting or contractual costs.
2. The anticipated total project spending between now and the expected debt exclusion vote in Winter 2027, broken down by major category where possible (e.g., design development, engineering, OPM, etc.).
3. Any contractual obligations the Town currently holds that would result in additional costs if the project were paused or discontinued at this stage (for example, termination costs or payments for work already authorized but not yet completed).
4. Of the projected spending over the next year, how much would be eligible for reimbursement through the MSBA, and how much would be borne entirely by the Town if the project does not proceed.

If this information is available in an existing report or presentation, I would appreciate being directed to it. Otherwise, even a high-level estimate would be very helpful.

Thank you for your time and for any information you can provide.

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Ashley D. Crawley

Ashley Crawley <ashleydcrawley@gmail.com> Wed, Apr 29, 2026 at 8:34 AM
To: jvoyik@shschools.com, LWong@southhadleyma.gov, shbuilds@shschools.com

Good morning Superintendent Voyik, Town Administrator Wong, and the South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee (SBC),

I'm writing to follow up on my email from last week requesting additional detail on the current and projected costs associated with the elementary school building project.

As tonight's School Building Committee meeting is scheduled to take place without a virtual participation option (Zoom link), I am unable to attend or ask questions in real time. Given that limitation, I respectfully request that the information outlined in my previous email be addressed or presented during tonight's meeting so that it is available to the public.

To reiterate, I am seeking:

- Total spending to date on the project
- Anticipated spending through the expected debt exclusion vote
- Any contractual obligations that would result in costs if the project were paused or discontinued
- The breakdown of reimbursable vs. non-reimbursable costs to the Town

Even a high-level summary would be helpful for residents trying to understand the current financial position and future commitments related to this project.

I appreciate your time and consideration, and I hope this information can be shared publicly this evening.

Thank you,
Ashley

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Ashley D. Crawley

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com>

Zoom for Today's Meeting

4 messages

Ashley Crawley <ashleydcrawley@gmail.com> Wed, Apr 29, 2026 at 8:13 AM
To: shbuilds@shschools.com

Hello, is there an option to have tonight's Mosier School building committee meeting available on Zoom? I did not see a link listed on the agenda.

Thank you,

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Ashley D. Crawley

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Wed, Apr 29, 2026 at 10:26 AM
To: Ashley Crawley <ashleydcrawley@gmail.com>

Hello Ashley,

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project.

We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership and Town and School District representatives.

Unfortunately, there is not a live zoom option for this meeting. It is held in person only. However, the local cable organization does record the meeting. I am unsure if it is a live recording, or just posted publicly a few days later. In the meantime, we encourage you to visit the project website for the latest updates, meeting materials, and information. Once a copy of tonight's recording is shared with us, we will post to the project website.

If your question has been previously addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

Thank you again for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,
South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
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Ashley Crawley <ashleydcrawley@gmail.com> Thu, Apr 30, 2026 at 1:21 PM
To: "Building Project, SHPS" <shbuilds@shschools.com>

I would like to officially request that all future School Building Committee meetings be accessible to residents via live virtual participation on Zoom, and that meetings be livestreamed on SHTV15, to ensure full public access and transparency.

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Ashley D. Crawley

Building Project, SHPS <shbuilds@shschools.com> Fri, May 1, 2026 at 8:13 AM
To: Ashley Crawley <ashleydcrawley@gmail.com>

Thank you for your email regarding the South Hadley Elementary School Building Project.
We appreciate your interest and engagement. This inbox is monitored by the project management team in coordination with School Building Committee leadership, as well as Town and School District representatives.
Please note that the email correspondence will be presented at the School Building Committee Meeting and addressed by members of the School Building Committee in the public forum.
In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Town meeting agendas and minutes Agenda Center • South Hadley, MA • CivicEngage
- Local cable TV postings of meetings SHCTV15 - Videographer, Livestreaming Producer & Video Editor
- The project webpage (including meeting documents and materials, accessible via the left-side menu) Home - South Hadley Public Schools
- Recorded community forum sessions Elementary School Community Mtg: 02/05/2026 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo and Elementary School Building Project - Community Mtg: 12/11/2025 | Videos & Movies on Vimeo

If your question has already been addressed during a public meeting, we may reference those materials in our response.

We also want to acknowledge that members of the School Building Committee are appointed volunteers, many of whom balance full-time professional responsibilities in addition to their work on this project. Town and school staff involved likewise manage full-time roles while participating in meetings that often extend into the evening. We appreciate the community's understanding as we work to respond thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Diane Mulvaney – Chair
Jeff Cyr – Co-Chair
Lisa Wong – Town Administrator
Jenniffer Voyik – Superintendent of Schools

South Hadley Elementary School Building Committee
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