

# **BARRINGTON COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN 5-YEAR UPDATE**

## **BARRINGTON PLANNING BOARD COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING Community Services & Facilities, Energy, and Circulation**

8 a.m. Tuesday, November 5, 2013  
School Committee Meeting Room  
Barrington Town Hall, 283 County Road

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM. Attendees included Anne Galbraith, Michael Carroll, Ron Tarro, and Skip Learned.

#### 2. Meet with School Department officials to discuss Barrington School Department concerns, activities and priorities related to energy use, circulation, and facilities.

- School enrollment is projected to be fairly stable over next few years
- School Department has revolving capital reserve fund – goal is to move away from bonding for ongoing capital enhancements and minor safety/improvement projects
- Safe Routes to Schools:
  - Current studies at Middle School and Primrose
  - Will work with RIDOT to improve circulation
  - Possible project to improve intersection of Middle Highway and Old County Road (flashing lights?)
- \$2.4 million in health and safety improvements have been identified and are underway, expected to be completed in 12-18 months. At all schools with limited improvements planned for existing Middle School
  - e.g. egress/ADA improvements, fire alarms, etc.
- School Committee about to reconvene Building Committee to review options for Middle School
  - Renovate or reconstruct – TBD.
  - Anticipate decision soon, and design complete within 12-18 months.
  - That will put us in line for State funds. (partial reimbursement)
- Department just finished Stage II assessment of facilities (per federal guidelines)
  - Identified \$10-\$15 million of additional desired improvements
  - E.g. separate cafeterias and auditoriums at elementary schools
- Sidewalk priorities:
  - within  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of schools, particularly New Meadow north of Christine Drive
  - Sowams (no sidewalks between Kent St. and school)
  - More sidewalks make bus transportation more efficient (need fewer stops)
- Other Priorities

- Reconfigure Primrose parking lot (safety and circulation/drop off). This will be done if any \$ left from health and safety grant.
- Energy Related Issues
  - Tremendous progress has been made working with National Grid, taking advantage of incentives (light replacements, etc.)
  - Progress in achieving greater energy efficiency/savings should be highlighted
  - Department follows Chips (construction planning standards) for school energy improvements
  - BHS has energy star rating, but boilers are old
  - Primrose and Nayatt have new roofs that are “solar ready.” These are white roofs that have skylights/solar tubes to help light corridors
  - All schools have been switched to natural gas
- Water Conservation
  - Gardens at Nayatt and Sowams use Bristol County Water
  - Other schools are on wells
  - Rainbarrels at Primrose now used for gardens
  - Consider future potential for graywater use as part of Barrington Middle School work
- Summary of Near Term Goals
  1. Complete identified health and safety improvements over next 18-24 months (funded)
  2. Move forward to reconstruct/renovate BMS
  3. Sidewalks
  4. Primrose parking lot improvements
  5. Stage II assessment priorities (If/when school committee approves, Town plans to move forward using state funds matched by capital reserve fund)

### 3. Next Steps

Mr. Tarro will send the Planning Board subcommittee detail reports on school capital projects as a result of the comprehensive Stage II facilities assessment completed the a few years ago, as well as items on the \$2.4m in approved health and safety projects in progress.

### 4. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM