

MASCONOMET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
20 Endicott Road, Boxford, MA 01921

**District Capital Investment Task Force Meeting**  
**December 11, 2018 5:30 p.m. - Masconomet Administration Building**

MINUTES

Present: David Rivers—Chair; members Kosta Prentakis, John Spencer, Doug Batchelder

Absent: Susan Givens, Dot Flaherty

D Rivers called meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

D Batchelder suggested that public perception of any large school improvement is always improved when there are visible improvements that the public sees - new paint, lighting, etc.

D Rivers and J Spencer recapped the approach DCI wants to take re: funding mechanism: \$900K engineering and planning to be funded by the three towns next spring, followed by a \$10-12M bond that would be banded as needed; Topsfield would like the bond payments to hit no sooner than 2024, based on their elementary school bond payments that will peak in that year.

J Spencer proposed that one funding mechanism would be to have the towns fund the Masconomet Stabilization Fund, and then make payments out of it. K Prentakis noted that it would be extremely unlikely to get the level of funding that such an approach would require, particularly in the timeframe needed.

K Prentakis suggested that in coming up with a funding plan, we would need to determine whether there would be two, three, or more phases to the work.

D Rivers guided the group to articulate DCI's needs for a tri-town task force/advisory committee to gain consensus and support among the towns, by articulating the goals for that group, who should be a part of the group, and when the group would need to finalize its recommendation to the boards.

The DCI members articulated the goal for that group to be to "Develop a workable, mutually acceptable funding model for Masconomet's long term capital needs," noting that it would have the short term goal of doing this for the Phase 1 work (roof, HVAC and controls, solar power).

K Prentakis recapped the proposal to have the group consist of two representatives from each town, potentially a FinCom and BOS member, and one Masconomet School Committee member from each town, totaling 9 members. J Spencer added that technical input from both Masconomet and the towns could be incorporated in advisory roles.

Members noted that the timeframe would require closure for Phase 1 funding by mid February in order to dovetail with the various town boards. Working the schedule backwards, that would likely require two meetings in January and early February, with membership in the group being

determined in the remaining days of December and early January. Meetings will be proposed for Thursdays, with the first meeting to be proposed as January 17.

Minutes of 11-13-2018 approved – K Prentakis-motion, J Spencer-second

6:50 p.m. Adjourned – K Prentakis-motion, J Spencer-second

Upcoming meetings

January 8, 2019 4:30 p.m. Administration Building

minutes recorded by David Rivers

approved 01/17/2019