

Rockland Elementary School Building Project

Q and A #2

June 2017

On May 1st, 2017 at annual town meeting, Rockland taxpayers approved a town article to set aside \$800,000 to fund a feasibility study for a new elementary school. Since the vote, here are a few of the questions I've been asked by members of the community.

Q: What is the next step?

A: First, the town needed to form a school building committee. The Rockland Board of Selectmen voted to establish the Rockland Elementary Building Committee on June 6, 2017. Second, the district has two reports to write: (1) an educational profile questionnaire and; (2) an online enrollment projection report.

Q: How long is this process?

A: The two reports mentioned above are due July 1, 2017.

Q: Then what happens?

A: Once everything is submitted, the MSBA will produce a Feasibility Study Agreement. We are told it can take the MSBA anywhere from 1-3 months to produce this report.

Q: What happens when the agreement is signed?

A: The district and the building committee will advertise and hire an Owner's Project Manager (OPM). This position is mandated by the MSBA. The first job of the OPM is to help the district and the building committee hire an architect. Hiring the architect will take 6 to 8 weeks from the time the OPM is hired.

Q: What happens once the architect is hired?

A: The architect will work with the district, the building committee and the MSBA to look at all options including locations, design etc and provide options. The district, building committee and the MSBA will look at these options and determine the preferred option which will be presented to the taxpayers. This process will take 6-8 months.

Q: Then what?

A: The town will vote to approve or not approve the funding of the project.