

From: **Matthew Smith (via Dropbox)** no-reply@dropbox.com  
Subject: Matthew Smith shared "Middle School Building Project Videos" with you  
Date: May 11, 2017 at 8:12 AM  
To: maria.libby@fivetowns.net

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Hi Maria,

Matthew Smith (mattspsmith@gmail.com) invited you to edit the folder "**Middle School Building Project Videos**" on Dropbox.

Matthew said:

*"Hi all, I'm sharing this dropbox folder so you can see the building project videos. "*

[Go to folder](#)

Enjoy!

The Dropbox team

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From: **Ian McKenzie** [ian.mckenzie@fivetowns.net](mailto:ian.mckenzie@fivetowns.net)

Subject: Re: Building Videos

Date: May 11, 2017 at 10:21 AM

To: **Maria Libby** [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)

Cc: **Matt Smith** [matthew.smith@fivetowns.net](mailto:matthew.smith@fivetowns.net), **Elizabeth Noble** [enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com), **Jaime Stone** [jaime.stone@fivetowns.net](mailto:jaime.stone@fivetowns.net),  
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**Wyatt McConnell** [wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)

I think they look good.

**Ian McKenzie**  
Technology Integration Teacher  
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On May 11, 2017, at 9:16, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

Good to go for me!

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*When a great ship is in harbor and moored, it is safe, there can be no doubt. But that is not what great ships are built for.*

On Thu, May 11, 2017 at 8:27 AM, Matthew Smith <[matthew.smith@fivetowns.net](mailto:matthew.smith@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

Hi all

I shared a Dropbox folder with you in which I've placed the first two videos, featuring Maria and Will. These are, in my mind, finished versions, but I wanted to offer a brief round for feedback if there is any.

Maria/Will: if there is no feedback do you give me approval to put these out into social media? If you do not approve, please provide specific feedback in things you want me to change.

My goal is to get Maria's movie online by tomorrow afternoon and then Will's video either Saturday or Sunday.

We have footage of Keith and will edit that. We are meeting with Elizabeth on Tuesday, meaning we can get videos 3-4 out by next Wednesday. We can film Jaime next week and get the final video out next weekend.

Hope this all sounds ok, and special thanks to Colin for filming these for us.  
Matt

From: **Tyler Barter** [tbarter@oakpoint.com](mailto:tbarter@oakpoint.com)  
Subject: Camden Rockport Middle School-Public Hearing Presentation  
Date: May 11, 2017 at 2:33 PM  
To: [operahouse@town.rockport.me.us](mailto:operahouse@town.rockport.me.us)  
Cc: Maria Libby [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)

TB

Good afternoon Terri,

Attached is the presentation for tonight's Public Hearing on the Camden Rockport Middle School project. Let me know if you have any problems.

Tyler

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From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Fwd: E-copy poster-board  
Date: May 11, 2017 at 4:09 PM  
To: Tyler Barter tbarter@oakpoint.com

can you send this to us electronically - the poster that says vote yes on the bottom

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From: **Wyatt McConnell** <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)>  
Date: Thu, May 11, 2017 at 4:06 PM  
Subject: E-copy poster-board  
To: Maria Libby <[Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net)>, Elizabeth Noble <[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)>, Matthew Smith <[matthew.smith@fivetowns.net](mailto:matthew.smith@fivetowns.net)>, Nikki Castellano <[nikki.castellano@fivetowns.net](mailto:nikki.castellano@fivetowns.net)>

It has been suggested that we share an electronic version of the poster-board thingy currently on display at the schools for folks to share on social media. I think that's a great idea. Can you send that to me and/or Elizabeth?



From: **Richard C. Bates** [townmanager@town.rockport.me.us](mailto:townmanager@town.rockport.me.us)  
Subject: FW: Election guidance .....  
Date: May 12, 2017 at 7:14 AM  
To: [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net), **Roberta Smith** [rsmith@camdenmaine.gov](mailto:rsmith@camdenmaine.gov)



Response from our lawyer. He is not usually very conservative about this stuff.

Sorry,

RB

**From:** Philip Saucier [<mailto:psaucier@bernsteinshur.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:34 AM  
**To:** Richard C. Bates <[townmanager@town.rockport.me.us](mailto:townmanager@town.rockport.me.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: Election guidance .....

Hi Rick,

The prohibition on political activity within 250 feet of a voting place does extend to the period of time during which absentee ballots are available for voting in-person. Political activity includes any advertising materials, campaign literature, posters etc. that are "intended to influence a voter's decision" on the ballot question. The prohibition only applies to the place where in-person absentee balloting will take place (i.e. the voting location). The statute related to political activity during the period of absentee voting can be found in 21-A M.R.S. § 753-B(8) and is printed below with the relevant provisions underlined:

**8. Absentee voting in presence of clerk.** A person who wishes to vote by absentee ballot may, without completing an application, vote by absentee ballot in the presence of the clerk, except as provided in subsection 2. The method of voting is otherwise as prescribed in this article. After the person has voted, the clerk shall sign the affidavit on the return envelope as a witness, indicate on the envelope that the voter voted in the presence of a clerk and ensure that the affidavit on the return envelope is properly completed by the voter. For the 45 days preceding an election, during the hours when the clerk's office is open and may be conducting absentee voting, the display or distribution of any advertising material intended to influence a voter's decision regarding a candidate or question on the ballot for that election is prohibited within the clerk's office and on public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the building in which the clerk's office is located.

This subsection does not apply to the display or distribution of any campaign advertising material on private property that is within 250 feet of the entrance to the building in which the clerk's office is located. For purposes of this section, "private property" includes privately owned property subject to a public right-of-way that is an easement right-of-way.

This subsection does not apply to campaign advertising material on automobiles traveling to and from the municipal office or parked on municipal property while the occupants are visiting the municipal office to conduct municipal business. It does not prohibit a person who is at the municipal office for the purpose of conducting municipal business or for

who is at the municipal office for the purpose of conducting municipal business or for absentee voting from wearing a campaign button when the longest dimension of the button does not exceed 3 inches.

I hope this is helpful, please let me know if you have any questions.

-Phil

**Philip Saucier**

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**From:** Richard C. Bates [<mailto:townmanager@town.rockport.me.us>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 7:50 AM

**To:** Philip Saucier

**Subject:** Election guidance .....

I will try to be as brief as possible

We have a school bond on the ballot in June.

The school district would like to put a poster up in the Town office now, with a rendering of the building, along with their reasons why the School Board is in support of this bond article. The TC's in Rockport and Camden are both saying that, because of election laws (I don't have the specific citation) no electioneering is allowed within x feet of the polling place during the election. Because absentee ballots (for early voting) are available 30 days before the election, they are saying that it cannot be in the office.

Town Clerks tend to be very cautious about elections (that is a good thing) but is this the correct interpretation of the law?

Does this apply for early voting?

Does it apply at all to the town and school?

Don't we have an obligation to provide information, people need in order to make an informed decision. We actually put recommendations on the ballot, in some cases. We had the same problem with the Library bond last November.

If it will help I can get you the poster they want to put up.



RB

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From: **Elizabeth Noble** [enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)  
Subject: Fwd: Hannaford Sign  
Date: May 12, 2017 at 9:51 AM  
To: Castle, Diana D [diana.castle@bankofamerica.com](mailto:diana.castle@bankofamerica.com), Wyatt McConnell [wpmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccconnell@gmail.com), Lyman Mackenzie [mlcronin@gmail.com](mailto:mlcronin@gmail.com), Maria Libby [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net), Abraham Dugal [abedugal@gmail.com](mailto:abedugal@gmail.com), Tyler Smith [tyler@bayviewmanagement.net](mailto:tyler@bayviewmanagement.net)

Great news - Hannaford sign is a go.

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From: **ann keefe** <[ann66keefe@gmail.com](mailto:ann66keefe@gmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, May 12, 2017 at 9:36 AM  
Subject: Re: Hannaford Sign  
To: Elizabeth Noble <[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)>, ann keefe <[ann66keefe@gmail.com](mailto:ann66keefe@gmail.com)>

Good Morning Elizabeth,

As a retired teacher,,I know the future of our country depends on great teachers educating our children and grandchildren helping them to become great citizens and future leaders..

The leaders, teachers and students as well as all who work and play at the school. must have good morale to feel proud of their school. They do the best they can.

I approve and support your efforts. Yes you may erect a sign on my property so folks coming out of Hannafords can see your sign.

Sincerely,

Ann Keefe

My phone # is [941-964-1640](tel:941-964-1640)

On Thu, May 11, 2017 at 11:22 AM, Elizabeth Noble <[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Ann,

I'm a member of the building committee for the camden rockport middle school bond issue. We have an important vote in June, and we were hoping to place a sign on your property that people can see as they leave Hannaford. Nikki Castellano in the superintendent's office gave me your contact information.

The new middle school is an important issue and I very much hope you support our efforts. Obviously, I would be happy to discuss the issue with you further, if you have any questions or concerns.

Here is our website, if you'd like to learn a little more about the issue: <https://crmsmiddlematters.wixsite.com/crms-middle-matters>

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Warmest regards,

Elizabeth

From: **Tyler Barter** [tbarter@oakpoint.com](mailto:tbarter@oakpoint.com)  
Subject: RE: Renderings  
Date: May 12, 2017 at 12:12 PM  
To: Elizabeth Noble [enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com), Maria Libby [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)

TB

Good morning Elizabeth,

Attached are the final renderings including the two new interior shots that were finished yesterday. I've also attached a copy of the project board that is being displayed around town. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Tyler

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**From:** Elizabeth Noble [<mailto:enoble@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 9:08 AM  
**To:** Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)>; Tyler Barter <[tbarter@oakpoint.com](mailto:tbarter@oakpoint.com)>  
**Subject:** Renderings

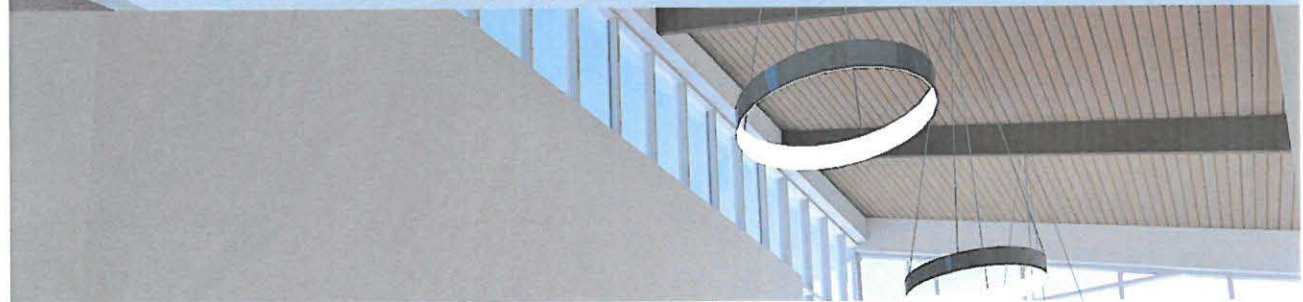
Hello!

Can we have the most recent renderings to update the website and we are finalizing one pager - want to make sure we have the best image for that.

Thank you!!  
Elizabeth











## CAMDEN ROCKPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

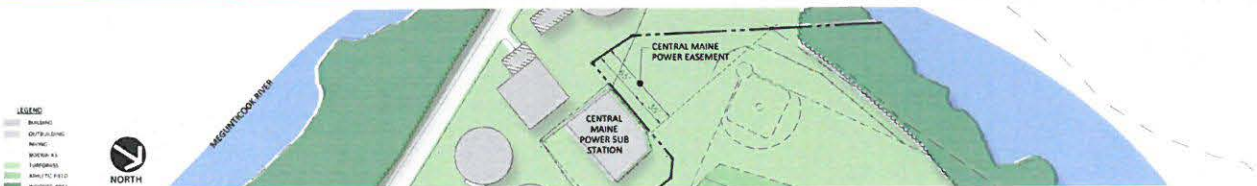


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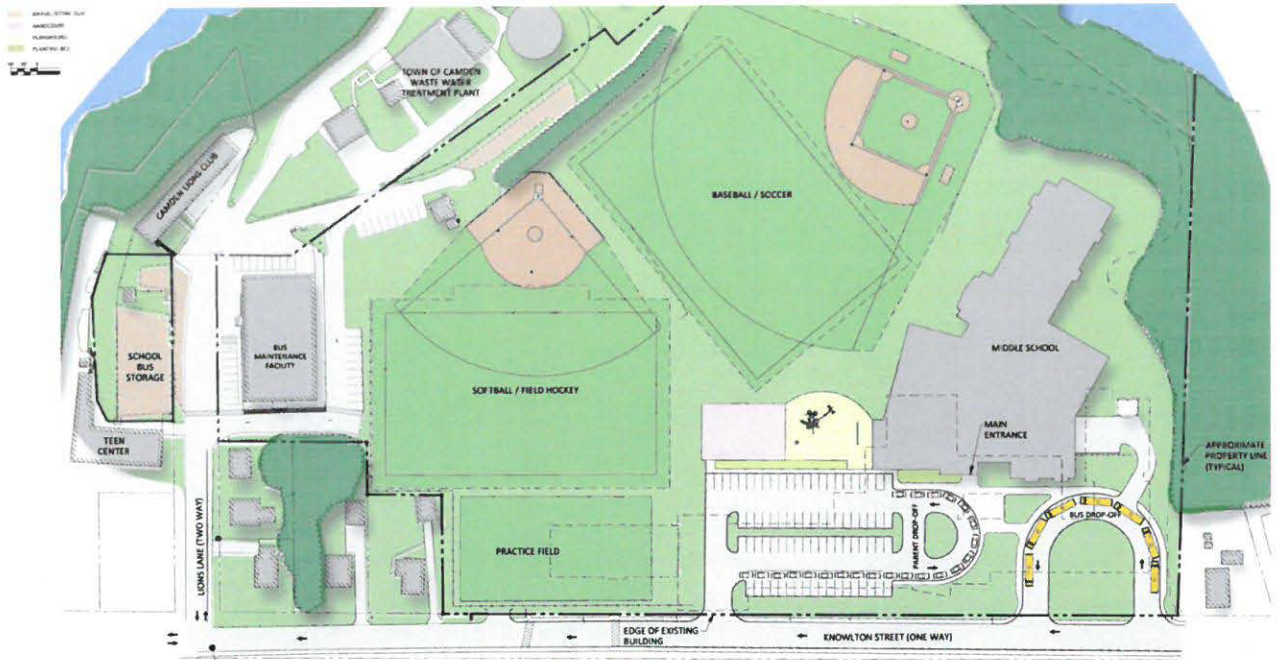
Project Cost Information			Total 20 Year Life Cycle Cost		
	A "YES" Vote for a new building	Repair work required in the event of a "NO" vote		A "YES" Vote for a new building	Repair work required in the event of a "NO" vote
Project Cost (Estimated)	\$26,300,000	\$16,500,000	Project Cost	\$26,300,000	\$1
Less use of Capital Maintenance Reserve	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	Bond interest (3.05% assumed)	\$9,642,780	\$
Expected Bond Amount	\$25,200,000	\$15,400,000	Total Operation and Maintenance (over 20 years)	\$16,050,000	\$2
Annual tax impact per \$100,000 valuation			Total 20 year life cycle cost	\$51,992,780	\$4
Camden	\$97.68	\$59.69	Condition of facility at the end of 20 years	Still Going Strong	New School
Rockport	\$99.36	\$60.75			

### BENEFITS OF BUILDING A NEW SCHOOL

REDUCE OPERATING COSTS	FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY	IMPROVE STREET SAFETY	EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY	COMMUNITY BENEFIT
Attention to sustainability, and a reduction in utility costs by over 45%. Combined with less maintenance requirements, overall operation cost reduced by \$6M over next 20 years.	Lock in current low interest rates, saving tax payers millions in the long run. Avoid throwing "good" money after "bad" by patching a failing school.	The new design would include a bus loop and parent drop-off areas, drastically reducing traffic back up and increasing pedestrian safety.	A new building allows for learning spaces to be designed for collaboration, creativity and a greater sense of community.	A high quality middle school will be an asset that attracts families to our towns, and sustain the economic vitality of the community.







CONCEPT SITE PLAN

VOTE **YES** JUNE 13 MIDDLE SCHOOL BOND ISSUE



From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Minutes from CRMS May 10  
Date: May 12, 2017 at 12:42 PM  
To: Emily Lusher emlusher@gmail.com

Thanks Emily - just a couple of edits.

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On Fri, May 12, 2017 at 11:09 AM, Emily Lusher <[emlusher@gmail.com](mailto:emlusher@gmail.com)> wrote:



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From: **Elizabeth Noble** [enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)  
Subject: Re: Budget  
Date: May 12, 2017 at 1:09 PM  
To: Maria Libby [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)



Great! We are going to make more signs then! And we have some \$ for the dance - we will keep the budget below a couple hundred.

On Fri, May 12, 2017 at 12:58 PM, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

After the above expenses, we have about \$3500 left between printing, supplies, and contracted services that we budgeted for this project.

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On Fri, May 12, 2017 at 9:17 AM, Elizabeth Noble <[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello,

We need to nail down where we are on money, so we know how many signs to order - which we would like to do today.

Besides the mailings - costs thus far are 700 for the little signs. About 200 on facebook (not spent yet, but what i'm budgeting). Big signs - about 450 so far. And \$100 on printing, but that will be higher - probably \$300 when it's all said and done.

Thank you!!

From: **Emily Lusher** emlusher@gmail.com

Subject: Minutes from May 10 CRMS meeting

Date: May 12, 2017 at 1:11 PM

To: **William Gartley** wgartley@gartleydorsky.com, **Joseph Russillo** jrussillo@maplestreetdesignstudio.com, **Ellis Cohn** ecohn@jaretcohn.com, **Elizabeth Noble** enoble@gmail.com, **marcrescue** marcrescue@aol.com, **Tyler Smith** tyler@bayviewmanagement.net, **George Abendroth** geoabend@gmail.com, **John Scholz** john@scholzandbarclay.com, **Lynda Chilton** lynda.chilton@fivetowns.net, **Lynda Chilton** lyndachiltoncreative@gmail.com, **Marcia Dietrich** marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net, **Kristin Collins** kristin.collins@fivetowns.net, **Owen Casas** ocasas@town.rockport.me.us, **Jaime Stone** jaime.stone@fivetowns.net, **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net, **Keith Rose** keith.rose@fivetowns.net, **Nikki Castellano** nikki.castellano@fivetowns.net, **Tina Swanson** tina.swanson@fivetowns.net, **Don White** upie@myfairpoint.net, **Ian McKenzie** ian.mckenzie@fivetowns.net, **Matthew Smith** matthew.smith@fivetowns.net, **Jerry Stone** jerry48stone@gmail.com, **Tyler Barter** tbarter@oakpoint.com

Note - there will not be a meeting on May 24.



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From: **Matt Dailey** matt.dailey@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: draft  
Date: May 12, 2017 at 1:17 PM  
To: Maria Libby maria.libby@fivetowns.net

Hi Maria,

Finally finished my edits. I am sorry that it has taken so long. I did end up doing a bunch of rewriting but I do not think I fundamentally changed what you had written. As always, please feel free to edit as you see fit.

Thanks

Matt

On Sun, Apr 30, 2017 at 3:30 PM, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
Matt, what do you think of the attached letter or article as one piece of this puzzle?

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From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: article  
Date: May 12, 2017 at 2:05 PM  
To: Kim Lincoln KLincoln@courierpublicationsllc.com



Hi Kim,  
Can this work for my article this week? It is co-signed by me and the Board Chair.

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From: **Tyler Smith** tyler@bayviewmanagement.net

Subject: Old Folks Home - Please review

Date: May 12, 2017 at 11:50 PM

To: Elizabeth Noble enoble@gmail.com, Maria Libby maria.libby@fivetowns.net, Abraham Dugal abedugal@gmail.com, Wyatt McConnell wpmcconnell@gmail.com, Lyman Mackenzie mlcronin@gmail.com, Matthew Smith matthew.smith@fivetowns.net, Castle, Diana D diana.castle@bankofamerica.com, Kathleen Meil kathleenmeil207@gmail.com, Geoffrey Scott gscott236@gmail.com, Rafi Baeza rafibaeza@yahoo.com

All,

I have been coordinating with a number of the retirement homes / facilities in Camden getting scheduled to go in any talk to residents. Unfortunately, all of them require the presentation material to be 100% neutral (I already tried passing off our existing 1-pager). I have put together a one pager just for the old folks home visits and would like feedback.

My objective was to keep it very simple, large font, yet still getting some information across.

Please review and comment.

**TYLER SMITH, P.E.**

*Director of Property Management & Development*  
**Bayview Management**

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## **JUNE 13 VOTE - MIDDLE SCHOOL BOND ISSUE**

### **ISSUES WITH THE CURRENT MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITY**

- Building includes multiple renovations and additions resulting in a sprawling layout.
- Mechanical systems are outdated and inefficient.
- Buses and parents drop off in Knowlton street blocking road and making drop off unsafe.

### **"YES" VOTE**

- \$26 million to build a new facility
- Tax impact of \$100 per



- Tax impact of \$100 per \$100,000
- Built on existing site
- New building will reduce utility cost by 45%
- New building would last 50 years



### **"NO" VOTE**

- \$16 million to replace mechanical systems over next 10 years
- Tax impact of \$60 per \$100,000
- Repaired building would last 20 years



From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Project  
Date: May 14, 2017 at 9:02 AM  
To: **Marcia Dietrich** marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net



I will take care of both things and make sure they happen as they should!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 13, 2017, at 3:04 PM, Marcia Dietrich <marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net> wrote:

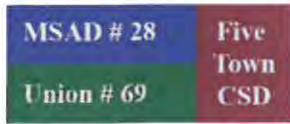
Hi Maria,

After spending the morning with Wyatt at our table I have a couple of thoughts. The first is that the board needs to be sure to formally recognize everyone who is working so hard on this project. The time that these folks are putting in is amazing and the professionalism is impressive.

Secondly, we be talking pretty openly about the potential of using the wastewater plant as a heat source, but I'm not sure if we have gone through proper town channels. I might be pretty upset if I was on Camden's waste water committee and had not heard of this before. Are we okay on this?

With the exception of one individual, only positive feedback from folks at the farmers market





Maria Libby &lt;maria.libby@fivetowns.net&gt;

**MET talk on FB**

3 messages

**Betsy Saltonstall** <betsy.saltonstall@gmail.com>  
To: Maria Libby <maria.libby@fivetowns.net>

Mon, May 15, 2017 at 10:12 PM

FYI

<https://www.facebook.com/alisonmckellar/posts/10100662979909921>

Sent from my iPhone

**Maria Libby** <maria.libby@fivetowns.net>  
To: Betsy Saltonstall <betsy.saltonstall@gmail.com>

Tue, May 16, 2017 at 11:02 PM

Thanks.

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[Quoted text hidden]

**Betsy Saltonstall** <betsy.saltonstall@gmail.com>  
To: Maria Libby <maria.libby@fivetowns.net>

Wed, Sep 6, 2017 at 9:20 AM

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Maria Libby <maria.libby@fivetowns.net>  
**Subject:** Re: MET talk on FB  
**Date:** May 16, 2017 at 11:02:24 PM EDT  
**To:** Betsy Saltonstall <betsy.saltonstall@gmail.com>  
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From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Please Vote June 13  
Date: May 15, 2017 at 7:26 AM  
To: Class of 2017 class.2017@fivetowns.net

Hello Seniors!

Most of you are 18 and this June may be your first election where you can vote. I would encourage you to go to your town halls and register this week. The school district would love your support to approve next year's budget!

In addition, those of you who live in Camden and Rockport, we would love your support to try to pass the Middle School Bond for a new CRMS. This was voted down in February 2015 and we are hoping for a different outcome this time. Your vote counts!

It is a great kick-off to your newfound independence as an adult - become a voting member of our democratic society!

Best of luck your last few weeks - looking forward to seeing you on the stage,  
Maria

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From: **Roberta Smith** [rsmith@camdenmaine.gov](mailto:rsmith@camdenmaine.gov)  
Subject: FW: Sewer Plant  
Date: May 15, 2017 at 12:56 PM  
To: Maria Libby [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)

FYI.

**From:** David Bolstridge  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** Roberta Smith <[rsmith@camdenmaine.gov](mailto:rsmith@camdenmaine.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Sewer Plant

Hi Roberta,

I think we first need a feasibility study as a first step. I assumed the school would carry out this study to ensure this project will provide all the heat the school is banking on.

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I fully support the concept and I'm aware of numerous similar projects that have worked out well.

Dave

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Roberta

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Thanks Roberta!

Sent from my iPhone

From: **Elizabeth Noble** [enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)  
Subject: Re: A few thoughts after this weekend's tabling  
Date: May 15, 2017 at 9:28 AM  
To: Kathleen Meil [kathleenmeil207@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmeil207@gmail.com)  
Cc: Maria Libby [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net), Wyatt McConnell [wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com), Tyler Smith [tyler@bayviewmanagement.net](mailto:tyler@bayviewmanagement.net), Lyman Mackenzie [mlcronin@gmail.com](mailto:mlcronin@gmail.com), Matthew Smith [matthew.smith@fivetowns.net](mailto:matthew.smith@fivetowns.net), Rafi Baeza [rafibaeza@yahoo.com](mailto:rafibaeza@yahoo.com), Geoffrey Scott [gscott236@gmail.com](mailto:gscott236@gmail.com), Abraham Dugal [abedugal@gmail.com](mailto:abedugal@gmail.com), Castle, Diana D [diana.castle@bankofamerica.com](mailto:diana.castle@bankofamerica.com)

Great - thanks for the work on getting the young vote out. Def helpful.

Oddly, I haven't received much comment on MET. In fact the only passionate response was a guy who was convinced we weren't tearing it down and he thought that was terrible.

More signs are on there way. If anyone asks for one, have them email or message Wyatt or I and we will add them to the list. Or get their address and send it on.

On Mon, May 15, 2017 at 9:01 AM, Kathleen Meil <[kathleenmeil207@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmeil207@gmail.com)> wrote:  
I had several events for young voters last year and just emailed those groups.

On 15 May 2017 at 07:26, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
I just sent an email to all seniors asking them to register and then vote!!!

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On Sun, May 14, 2017 at 9:07 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:

(1). Lot of questions about MET. People seem to get it that once the rest of the school is removed it would cost way Too much to rebuild the mechanical systems, etc. And when you can point on the floorplan and show where we are thinking of incorporating the columns they cheer up a bit.

(2). Anybody have any thoughts on how to most effectively tap the "kids home from college for the summer" vote? They w/ pretty much all vote yes, but not sure any of them would nor.ally vote in June. Some may even need help registering.

(3). Absentee ballots are available in Camden "early this week". You can fill out your ballot right in the town office and ha d it in. Should push this once it's an option (though with 71,000 people running for select board I'm hesitant t to vote too early myself).

(4). Farmers Market was good crowd. It allows for much longer conversations than post office. I don't think we can have too many people at that table, because it just adds to the festive vibe.

(5). I know Jamie and I on separate occasions had several interactions where we didn't change anyone's mind, but we armed with materials and/or sufficient enthusiasm with which to go out and spread the word. To torture the analogy, we may sometimes feel we are preaching to the choir, but still useful to remind the choir they can/should/need to be doing more than lip syncing on the back row

(3).

On May 12, 2017 11:50 PM, "Tyler Smith" <[tyler@bayviewmanagement.net](mailto:tyler@bayviewmanagement.net)> wrote:

All,

I have been coordinating with a number of the retirement homes / facilities in Camden getting scheduled to go in any talk to residents. Unfortunately, all of them require the presentation material to be 100% neutral (I already tried passing off our existing 1-pager). I have put together a one pager just for the old folks home visits and would like feedback.

My objective was to keep it very simple, large font, yet still getting some information across.

Please review and comment.

**TYLER SMITH, P.E.**

*Director of Property Management & Development*

**Bayview Management**

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From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Balloon referral?  
Date: May 15, 2017 at 10:06 PM  
To: **Mackenzie Lyman** mlcronin@gmail.com  
Cc: **Matthew Smith** matthew.smith@fivetowns.net



Hi,  
Matt is the most knowledgeable about MS dances and may be able to help.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 15, 2017, at 3:55 PM, Mackenzie Lyman <mlcronin@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Maria,

We're putting the finishing details on Saturday's middle school dance event. We had an idea of doing a traditional balloon arch with photo booth set up as part of the fun. Can you direct me to someone at the middle or high school that might be familiar with setting up dances? We need a resource for someone who might be able to make the arch.

Thanks much,  
Mackenzie

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mackenzie lyman  
207-832-1126



From: **William Gartley** [wgartley@gartleydorsky.com](mailto:wgartley@gartleydorsky.com)  
Subject: CRMS letter to the editor  
Date: May 15, 2017 at 5:37 PM  
To: Elizabeth Noble [enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com), Maria Libby ([maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)) [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net),  
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Attached is a draft for review, edit and comment.

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CRMS Letter to the Editor

I have a unique perspective on the Middle School, I went to fourth grade through high school at what is now the Camden Rockport Middle School, my two children went there and my wife taught there. I have also been involved in the Building Committee since the fall of 2013, most recently as the co-chair. My main reasons for getting involved are the impact the schools have on my taxes and the impact the schools have on our community's ability to attract and keep our young families here in Maine, and more importantly in Camden and Rockport.

I strongly support building a new Middle School. I joined this committee with an open mind and certainly not convinced of the need for a new school. However, after closely inspecting the facility and reviewing the engineering studies, I have concluded that a new school is the best financial option to provide our community the facility it deserves without wasting tax payer money. For me there are three main reasons: 1. Renovating or Patching the existing facilities would result in spending a significant amount of resources on Building and Energy code issues that have no real benefit to the educational use of the facility. 2. We are currently maintaining and heating over 30,000 square feet of space that includes long corridors, connectors and stairways that could be eliminated with a new efficient layout. This would reduce operating cost and greatly improve safety and student supervision. 3. There is a point with most old structures, especially those no longer being used as originally intended, that it is time to stop spending good money after bad. I feel we have reached that point, no matter what we do to this facility it will still be an old, inefficient building that is not ideal for the education of the children of our community. The cost of new construction and the cost of borrowing money will continue to rise, now is the time to act. Please join me in voting yes for a new Middle School on June 13, 2017.

Sincerely,



William B. Gartley, P.E.

From: **Roberta Smith** [rsmith@camdenmaine.gov](mailto:rsmith@camdenmaine.gov)  
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Date: May 15, 2017 at 10:04 AM  
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Cc: David Bolstridge [dbolstridge@camdenmaine.gov](mailto:dbolstridge@camdenmaine.gov), Janice Esancy [jesancy@camdenmaine.gov](mailto:jesancy@camdenmaine.gov)



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Thanks Roberta!

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From: **Mackenzie Lyman** [mlcronin@gmail.com](mailto:mlcronin@gmail.com)

Subject: Re: CRMS Dance Poster

Date: May 16, 2017 at 9:32 AM

To: Maria Libby [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net), Abraham Dugal [abedugal@gmail.com](mailto:abedugal@gmail.com), Tyler Smith [tyler@bayviewmanagement.net](mailto:tyler@bayviewmanagement.net), Kathleen Meil [kathleenmeil207@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmeil207@gmail.com), Diana D Castle [diana.castle@bankofamerica.com](mailto:diana.castle@bankofamerica.com), enoble@gmail.com, Wyatt McConnell [wpmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccconnell@gmail.com), Rafi Baeza [rafibaeza@yahoo.com](mailto:rafibaeza@yahoo.com), Matthew Smith [matthew.smith@fivetowns.net](mailto:matthew.smith@fivetowns.net), Geoffrey Scott [gscott236@gmail.com](mailto:gscott236@gmail.com)

Seriously this time... we have a dance poster! See attached. Please post at school/around town/etc.

On Fri, May 12, 2017 at 9:15 AM, Mackenzie Lyman <[mlcronin@gmail.com](mailto:mlcronin@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi all,

We have a dance poster! Please see attached. I am going to print copies and post some around town, but please help the cause by also printing some out and posting at school/work/etc. They are 11 x 8.5.

Thanks!

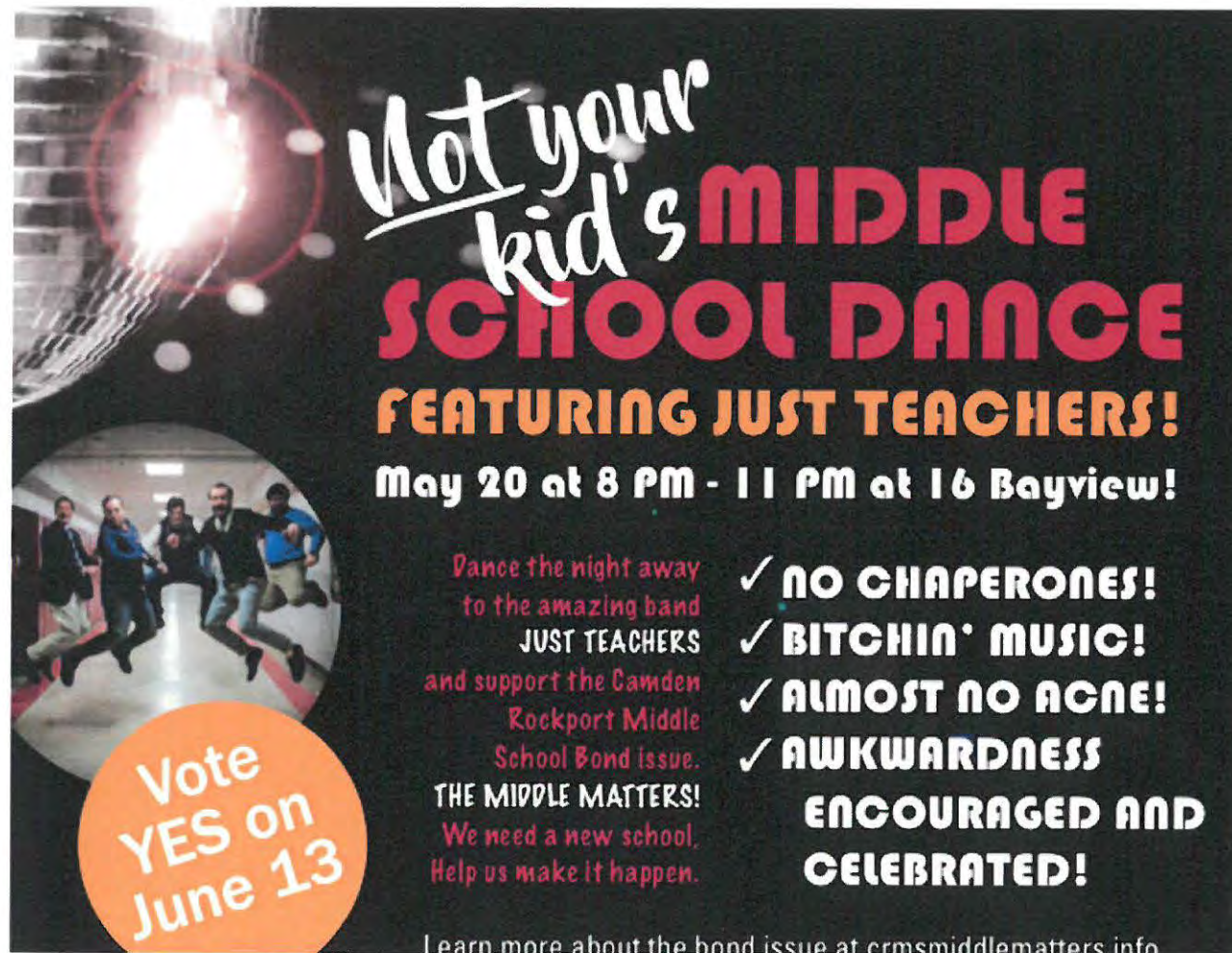
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- ✓ **ALMOST NO ACNE!**
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CELEBRATED!**

**Vote  
YES on  
June 13**

Learn more about the bond issue at [crmsmiddlematters.info](http://crmsmiddlematters.info)



From: **Kathleen Meil** [kathleenmeil207@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmeil207@gmail.com)

Subject: Re: Signs at schools

Date: May 16, 2017 at 1:37 PM

To: Wyatt McConnell [wpmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccconnell@gmail.com)

Cc: Elizabeth Noble [enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com), Matthew Smith [matthew.smith@fivetowns.net](mailto:matthew.smith@fivetowns.net), Maria Libby [Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net)

Terrific. Rest of the signs should arrive tonight - no idea why one of six boxes was so delayed! Will keep you posted.

On 16 May 2017 at 10:23, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:

20 at CRES and CHRHS each and 23 at CRMS. That's all the signs we have until later in the week. Middle school will probably need more since I guess they're getting calls from random folks asking where they can get one.

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Kathleen Meil

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From: **Maria Libby** [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)  
Subject: Re: Mary E. Taylor Building  
Date: May 16, 2017 at 10:50 PM  
To: Josh Gerritsen [josh.gerritsen@gmail.com](mailto:josh.gerritsen@gmail.com)

Thanks for reaching out Josh. You are correct - the original plan kept the MET building to be renovated for the Central Office and Zenith program (HS alternative education). However, when that was voted down, there was a lot of pushback on that part of the plan due to cost (\$3.4 m) and not being associated with the middle school needs. When we went out a second time, we worked hard to gauge community interest in the building. While some people (a handful out of 100's) expressed a strong interest in preserving it, we concluded that there was not strong interest in renovating it and keeping it, particularly not in light of economic feasibility. After much community discussion and discussion with the town, the building committee determined that it would not be a part of the recommended project this time. The board approved that recommendation and eventually decided to take MET down along with the rest of the facility. Its removal enables the entire building to move about 30 feet away from the tree line on the north side of the building which gives the architects much needed breathing room. It also enables a delivery area for the kitchen, as well as a practice field. Knowing that there is some nostalgic value to the community in that building, we plan to use its entrance (pillars, granite sign, etc) as the entrance to the academic wing of the new building. It will be in the interior space, 2 stories high. If possible, we will try to repurpose other parts as well, like some of the wooden floors or windows. Cost will determine what we can salvage beyond the entry.

I hope that helps and I would certainly appreciate your vote on June 13!

I am in Boston and it was beautiful here today, too. I was outside every moment I could be!  
Maria

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On Tue, May 16, 2017 at 5:09 PM, Josh Gerritsen <[josh.gerritsen@gmail.com](mailto:josh.gerritsen@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Maria,

I hope you have been enjoying this beautiful spring weather that has finally arrived!

I was looking at the CRMS Middle Matters website and admiring the design for the proposed project to build a new middle school, but then realized that it included tearing down the Mary E. Taylor building and replacing it with a practice field. I looked at the previous proposed site plan from 2015 and saw that the Mary E. Taylor building was originally going to stay standing.

I was curious, how does tearing down the Mary E. Taylor building contribute to the goals for this new proposal that were not accomplished in the original proposal that was put out to voters, besides the practice field?

Also, if there was a large amount of community interest in saving the Mary E. Taylor building for other uses, is there any flexibility in this design if the voters approve the proposed project?

I sincerely hope that the voters approve the construction of a new middle school. I went through the entire Camden-Rockport school system and got two years in the old high school and two in the new one. I could tell that even 17 years ago, the infrastructure was not in the best shape.

Best,

Josh

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From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: MET talk on FB  
Date: May 16, 2017 at 11:02 PM  
To: Betsy Saltonstall betsy.saltonstall@gmail.com

Thanks.

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FYI  
<https://www.facebook.com/alisonmckellar/posts/10100662979909921>

Sent from my iPhone



From: **Tina Swanson** tina.swanson@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Middle School Email Broadcast  
Date: May 17, 2017 at 4:22 PM  
To: Maria Libby maria.libby@fivetowns.net, Betsy Saltonstall betsy.saltonstall@fivetowns.net



Hi Maria,

I got a call from Betsy Saltonstall (whom I've copied on this email) saying she heard something about an email going out from the superintendent's office to students about the middle school vote.

Betsy, below is the email that went to CRES and CRMS PARENTS (not students) on May 8.

On May 8, 2017, at 6:27 PM, Five Town CSD & MSAD #28 <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

Hello Parents, So many of you have told me over the past year that you wanted to help with this effort and now is the time we need your help. There is a PR committee that is comprised of mostly parents and they need your help during the next month as the vote draws nearer. There are numerous events where we could use some extra hands and supportive parents. Wyatt McConnell, parent of young children, is coordinating these efforts and has volunteered to organize parents who are willing to help. If you can give an hour or two in order to spread the word about the new middle school on the June ballot, please contact Wyatt at [wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com) and let him know ASAP. If you are unable to help now, please make sure you get to the polls and vote on June 13. Last time many parents assumed the bond would pass and did not vote. We need parents at the polls! As always thanks for your support, Maria

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From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Trees  
Date: May 17, 2017 at 2:16 PM  
To: Tyler Barter tbarter@oakpoint.com



Hi Tyler,

Will we be able to save the large trees currently in front of MET and any others currently on the Knowlton street side of the building that are fairly close to the road?

Thanks,  
Maria

Sent from my iPhone

From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: legality of email  
Date: May 17, 2017 at 9:05 PM  
To: Dale Douglass ddouglass@msmaweb.com

Dale,

Below is an email I recently sent to seniors. A board member wants to make sure it was not an illegal message. This is the parent concern that was expressed to her: "...is that this is a political matter and school employees should not use their position to try to influence the votes of students."

Can you provide any guidance?

Thanks,  
Maria

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From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: follow up  
Date: May 17, 2017 at 9:57 PM  
To: Keith Rose keith.rose@fivetowns.net

I followed up with the town per a board member request regarding their involvement with the great sewer idea.

This was David's response through Roberta in case you weren't aware of the idea to do a feasibility study. Also, Roberta thinks we should come present to the selectboard in late June or July about the idea.

*Hi Roberta,*

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From: **Tyler Barter** tbarter@oakpoint.com  
Subject: RE: post vote  
Date: May 18, 2017 at 8:35 PM  
To: Maria Libby maria.libby@fivetowns.net



Good afternoon Maria, hope all is well. We will want to gear up very quickly after the vote. There is a lot of work to do on the space organization and floor plan. We should talk at some point on how this process will work. There will be a lot of work to do with you and Jamie to develop the final space needs and work on making the building as efficient and flexible as possible. Something in June would make sense before everyone disappears for the summer.

Feel free to give me a call if you want to discuss. A couple more hours on a bus here in Oregon.

Talk to you soon.

Tyler

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**From:** Maria Libby [mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 5:22 PM  
**To:** Tyler Barter <tbarter@oakpoint.com>  
**Subject:** post vote

Tyler,

How quickly will the committee/board need to organize after the bond passes? We are wondering if the board should meet in June, July, or August to really gear up for moving forward.

Thanks,  
Maria

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From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net

Subject: Re: Building Video 3

Date: May 18, 2017 at 11:56 PM

To: **Matthew Smith** matthew.smith@fivetowns.net

Cc: **Wyatt McConnell** wpmccConnell@gmail.com, **Elizabeth Noble** enoble@gmail.com, **Ian McKenzie** ian.mckenzie@fivetowns.net, **Colin Sutch** colin.sutch@fivetowns.net, **Jaime Stone** jaime.stone@fivetowns.net, **Keith Rose** keith.rose@fivetowns.net

Looks good, except that "Aging" is misspelled as "Ageing" on the part where electrical issues are introduced. Also, are these videos getting uploaded to the website?

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 5:39 PM, Matthew Smith <[matthew.smith@fivetowns.net](mailto:matthew.smith@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
I put it in the Dropbox that I already shared with you...

On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 5:25 PM, Matthew Smith <[matthew.smith@fivetowns.net](mailto:matthew.smith@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
Hi all

Video 3 is completed. Can you take a look to see if it is ok? We had originally planned to have two videos focusing on problems at CRMS but we ended up with one longer video, since breaking it into 2 didn't make sense in the end.

What does everyone think of this one?

The plan is video 2 (Will Gartley) comes out tomorrow. Video 3 would be middle of next week.

Matt

From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: School Board meeting  
Date: May 18, 2017 at 11:10 PM  
To: Elizabeth Noble enoble@gmail.com



The only other option is the 15th. We already moved it from June 21 to the 14th so it happened before school was out given that it is a student recognition night. Over 100 parents and likely 50 students will be recognized. The week before is graduation week with events every night except Wed, leaving that free for the CSD board meeting. When we do a night other than Wed it is tough because some can't make it. We moved to tonight from last night because I was in Cambridge and the board really shouldn't meet without me. It was a rare change of night. Not sure what folks would think about doing another Thursday but I can ask. I get it is for a good reason.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2017, at 9:21 PM, Elizabeth Noble <enoble@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello!

Sorry - I was so spaced out at the meeting, trying to finish everything I need to do before a weekend of campaigning. Will's letter is out, and up on FB. The dance sounds like it's going to be very well attended which is fun. We're going to use it to rally the troops.

Thank you for seeing my point about MET - I agree with you 100% that it should come down. But politically that battle isn't worth having right now.

But another issue (sorry) - the more I think about the date of the next school board meeting - it's really poor timing. It's the town meeting for Camden. So none of the school board members can be involved in the town meeting. And it sounds like it's a recognition night? So all the people invited have to choose. I love going to the town meeting - its democracy as it's most pure, fascinating, and absurd finest.

I'm actually sort of surprised its scheduled for that night. Is there any chance to reconsider?

Elizabeth

From: **Elizabeth Noble** [enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)  
Subject: Re: letter to editor  
Date: May 18, 2017 at 9:12 AM  
To: Keith Rose [keith.rose@fivetowns.net](mailto:keith.rose@fivetowns.net)  
Cc: Maria Libby [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)

I can send it in. For the Camden Herald - this close to the vote, they're requiring that we limit letters to 500 words. I can try to cut yours down to that.

Also - we need to add something to address a concern I am hearing - that the building is failing because we didn't take care of it. You're the best person to address this. Maybe just a sentence like - "Despite our best efforts, regular maintenance cannot keep up with the decaying school" or "Regular maintenance is not enough to stay ahead of the deterioration"

Not sure how best to say it - I really like your conversational tone.

On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 7:34 AM, Keith Rose <[keith.rose@fivetowns.net](mailto:keith.rose@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
I'm fine with it. Elizabeth, are you sending these out?

On Wed, May 17, 2017 at 9:37 PM, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
Keith,  
I edited it a tiny bit. Can you review and send it in?

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On Wed, May 17, 2017 at 8:19 AM, Keith Rose <[keith.rose@fivetowns.net](mailto:keith.rose@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
Try this one. Feel free to suggest edits.

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From: **Elizabeth Noble** enoble@gmail.com  
Subject: MET  
Date: May 18, 2017 at 10:32 AM  
To: Maria Libby maria.libby@fivetowns.net

EN

It's coming back to bite us.

I think that the school board jumped the gun on their vote. We should have just left it an open issue until after the bond vote. Keep them as unrelated as possible.

I think we (building committee and school board) should agree to reconsider the MET decision. Leave it open ended and try to extract it from the bond issue.

On the current plans it's a playing field - easily changed if we keep it.

I know that you're adamantly opposed to keeping it - but just allow it to remain an open question until after the vote. Say that we are still considering all options and we look forward to working with the community to find the best solution. It's not a battle that's worth having now.

I would be willing to bring it up tonight at the board meeting.



From: Wyatt McConnell wpmcconnell@gmail.com  
Subject: Re: We need a strategy to counter this ASAP  
Date: May 18, 2017 at 1:35 PM  
To: Maria Libby maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Cc: Will Gartley wgartley@gartleydorsky.com, Elizabeth Noble enoble@gmail.com

Is there anyway we can state that a vote for bond is not a vote for demolition of MET? It sounds like this may be enough to get Alison off this topic until after the vote. She simply wants to be able to point to something on the record that says "see, I can vote Yes on bond even though I'm opposed to demoing MET. It's separate issue and even though school board has voted on MET, I can still pitch my ideas to them - building is still standing and plans aren't fully etched in stone."

On May 18, 2017 1:19 PM, "Maria Libby" <maria.libby@fivetowns.net> wrote:

Another vital piece of political information here is that Lowrie has it out for me for some reason. I have been warned by someone on the planning board, so anything he can do to help derail any effort of mine will likely be supported by him. He has been VERY vocally opposed to the middle school project, so something that could be a thorn in our side that he could support, I am sure he would.

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 11:14 AM, Wyatt McConnell <wpmcconnell@gmail.com> wrote:

Alison McKellar is getting very motivated about the idea of keeping MET standing and is talking to folks on the planning board about how to make that happen (see two private messages I received from her below). We need to develop a strategy to deal with this because I get the sense that she may be talking about it at, say, next candidates forum. More so than any other issue, I think how we deal with this will determine whether we win or lose the vote. There are two things we can do and a third side thought re: messaging on this issue:

(1) We REALLY need to clearly delineate MET from the bond. I honestly think -- if this turns into a referendum on MET instead of a referendum on 16.5million vs. 26million, we lose. It seems that this may be a conversation that could get Lowrie on board with the bond, too, which would be a huge win. We need to be clear that (a) a vote for the bond is not a vote to demolish MET --

Alison/Lowrie/whoever is free to approach the school board and have more discussions re: MET, and (b) we are actually willing to listen to them (even if after listening we absolutely intend to demo MET). Delay those conversations until after the vote unless humanly impossible.

(2) In the longer term, its important to have data to back up any conversations about what the usefulness of MET actually is - hopefully those conversations start up after the vote, but if before this becomes even more critical. To win that conversation without looking like bullish a-holes, we need market data on (a) how much office space is empty in the area and (b) how many commercial sites have been for sale for a long time. The idea that the town could sell (or donate, for that matter), MET to a private entity and that entity turn the space into office space that is sufficiently affordable to satisfy an unmet need without the private person being either massively subsidized by the town, state, or wealthy benefactor is very, very, very unlikely supported by the market data. My understanding is Lincoln Street (which Alison is using as her model) is losing money hand over fist. The point of low-rent office space is not to make profit but to stimulate business growth. You can't have your cake and eat it to -- you either get tax revenue from a property, or you get low-rent office space, but the two don't go hand-in-hand. Perhaps Tyler Smith can help us gather this data, but I'm not completely sure where he stands on MET and/or whether they ever made an offer on it. If not do we know anyone else that knows the market for commercial space in this area well?

(3) The most important point on all of this is to appear that we are listening, considering others opinions, and not rushing. The reality is that most people have no idea that the middle school and MET has been part of our public discourse for many years. If our position is simply "its important to us that MET goes" then I imagine we again look like a group that failed at communication. Its very easy to vote "no" on spending \$26 million. People need to trust that they're giving that money to people that are listening, that have considered every option, etc.

Relevant messages I received from Alison below:

So after looking at the 2015 plan vs the 2017 plan, it appears that the basic footprint is virtually identical. The 2017 plan has a new practice field where the MET building currently is but leaving the building in tact wouldn't mean they'd lose parking. I've now spoken with some planning board people and i would say there is strong interest and consensus that the building would need no where

near as many updates to be turned into offices and conference overflow space as it would in order to meet specs for what the school was going to do with it. It's a clearly identified need in the comprehensive plan and the downtown master plan that we have more low cost office and business incubator space, and it appears the decision to not offer the building officially to Camden was strongly influenced by the fact that Camden showed no interest (and Pat apparently told Maria that there was no official vote, but that the town wasn't interested). I'm envisioning a Lincoln street center type of situation.

Anyway, gifting the building to the town would presumably save the school district money because I can't imagine it's going to be cheap to demolish that thing.

Camden would takeover the building and sell it to someone who could convert it while also taking advantage of the federal tax credits for historic preservation. In turn, the town would gain a piece of commercial property that would generate tax revenue. I think it would be a way to actually bring more people on board with the June 13th vote.

Lowrie Sargent was the project manager for the Shepard block project I believe [I (Wyatt) mentioned that last I knew this office space was still fairly vacant is why this came up]. He is the one who feels strongly that this deserves another look, and I think I agree with him. He's the chair of the planning board and oversaw roughly 2 decades of work and research on both iterations of the comprehensive plan so he's quite knowledgeable about building projects, commercial interests, etc...

From: **William Gartley** [wgartley@gartleydorsky.com](mailto:wgartley@gartleydorsky.com)  
Subject: Middle School  
Date: May 18, 2017 at 3:12 PM  
To: Lowrie Sargent ([lsargent@midcoast.com](mailto:lsargent@midcoast.com)) [lsargent@midcoast.com](mailto:lsargent@midcoast.com)



Good Afternoon Lowrie,

Attached is some information on the proposed new Middle School and the upcoming vote. I have heard that you may not be in favor of this project, I would love a chance to talk with you about it if you have a few minutes in the next week or so. Let me know.

Best Will

**William B. Gartley, P.E.**  
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From: **Matt Dailey** [matt.dailey@fivetowns.net](mailto:matt.dailey@fivetowns.net)  
Subject: Re: MET  
Date: May 18, 2017 at 5:31 PM  
To: Maria Libby [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)  
Cc: Marcia Dietrich [marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net](mailto:marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net)

Hi,

I have arranged to meet Elizabeth prior to tonight's meeting. If you can make it, I will be there at 6:40.

Thanks

Matt

On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 1:13 PM, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

I have meetings almost all day today and just got back to work. I am going to try to put together a timeline and I do think we need to get information out on FaceBook, if no where else. It might be good to try to talk to Elizabeth before the board meeting (she is coming as a prospective member anyway) - it can always come up in public comment.

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 11:24 AM, Matt Dailey <[matt.dailey@fivetowns.net](mailto:matt.dailey@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

Hi,

FYI, I have not responded to Elizabeth yet. I am going to suggest to her that we (her and I at least) talk about the MET issue outside of the board meeting. It is not on the agenda and thus is not a topic we should engage in without public notification.

I oppose the idea of offering the idea of revisiting the MET decision. The CRMS building committee and the board have made the decision about the MET building after much deliberation and waffling about it is not going to help the project move forward.

I am not on Facebook but I have scoped out the comments using my wife's account. There is some disinformation there about the process of offering the building to the town (including unhelpful comments from Marc Ratner and Don White) as well as some other questions that could use some straight answers. Could either of you provide some answers? If necessary, I can create a Facebook account.

Thanks

Matt

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From: **Elizabeth Noble** <[enoble@hjsoffice.com](mailto:enoble@hjsoffice.com)>  
Date: Thu, May 18, 2017 at 10:43 AM  
Subject: MET  
To: "[Matt.Dailey@fivetowns.net](mailto:Matt.Dailey@fivetowns.net)" <[Matt.Dailey@fivetowns.net](mailto:Matt.Dailey@fivetowns.net)>

Hi Matt,

I look forward to working with you on the school board!

There's an issue that is percolating about the Met building. A chorus of voices (led by Allison McKeller and Lowrie Sargent) is getting louder that the MET decision was hastily made and should be reconsidered. The easiest way to appease them, and to keep it from derailing the middle school bond issue – is to just agree to revisit the decision. There is no harm in that, that I can see. Just agree that that the school board looks forward to revisiting the issue after the vote and working with the community to come to the best solution.



If you go on Allison McKeller's FB page – you can see the conversation that's happening and why I think we should revisit this issue.

I don't feel passionate about the MET issue either way. I do feel very passionate about the bond issue and it seems like it's going to be close – so I would hate to see it derailed by this.

I would be happy to bring it up at the board meeting tonight and discuss.

Thanks so much,  
Elizabeth

**Elizabeth Noble**

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From: **Elizabeth Noble** enoble@gmail.com

Subject: DANCE

Date: May 18, 2017 at 7:59 PM

To: **Lyman Mackenzie** mlcronin@gmail.com, **Wyatt McConnell** wpmcconnell@gmail.com, **Castle, Diana D** diana.castle@bankofamerica.com, **Kathleen Meil** kathleenmeil207@gmail.com, **Tyler Smith** tyler@bayviewmanagement.net, **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net, **Matthew Smith** matthew.smith@fivetowns.net, **Abraham Dugal** abedugal@gmail.com, **Geoffrey Scott** gscott236@gmail.com

Ok, so it sounds like the hype is out there. I think we are going to have a full house. Whoot!!

I think we should have signs emphasizing what people can do to help. This event is preaching to the choir and we need to harness their energy. I've attached a list - can we make this into a poster that we can put up near the stage. Add logo and make it red etc. We should make 3 of them and then we can take them to each school and put them there.

Also - talking points/example small talk conversations - it would be good to have an elevator speech for people to help them feel comfortable engaging in small talk. We can post it on FB, also email it to people who give us their email. Maybe have it on papers for people to take with them?

Signs - we should have some signs there. We should also have color print outs of the signs that people can take to put in business windows, cars, houses - wherever.

Also - who can help us decorate? I think we're planning to do that Sat from 10-12.

THANK YOU!!!



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From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Presentation  
Date: May 18, 2017 at 11:49 PM  
To: Elizabeth Noble enoble@gmail.com

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On Thu, May 18, 2017 at 8:26 PM, Elizabeth Noble <[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)> wrote:  
How can I get a copy of your presentation to put on the website?

Thanks!!!

Sent from my iPhone



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From: **Bruce W. Smith** [bwsmith@dwmlaw.com](mailto:bwsmith@dwmlaw.com)  
Subject: RE: legal question  
Date: May 18, 2017 at 10:14 AM  
To: Maria Libby [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)

BS

Hi Maria,

First, there is nothing illegal about the email you sent to students.

The bill you cited, LD 1483, has not been enacted. Even if it were enacted, it probably would not apply in this situation. The proposed law limits the use of: "Contact information of a student or a parent or guardian of a student that has been provided to a school or school administrative unit in connection with the student's enrollment."

If you sent your email only to school-issued student email accounts, I don't think it would be covered by the proposed law.

In short, this is not a legal issue, but a political issue. Some people do not like it when schools try to influence students on political issues, including school budget and bond votes (especially when they oppose the budget or bond). They will accuse you of trying to use your position and authority to unfairly influence students. In light of that concern, for future reference, it is probably best not to send messages to students that advocate them to vote a certain way.

Your options now include:

- Respond to anyone who complains by saying that you had the best intentions, and that there was nothing illegal about your message, but that you understand why some may be concerned about you using the school email system to urge students to vote a certain way, and that you will not do so again.
- Send another email to students reminding them that they should make up their own minds about how to cast their secret ballots on election day. The problem with this approach it will only draw further attention to the issue, and possible exacerbate it.

There are other options as well, but I think that the best you can do is to humbly acknowledge why some might be concerned about your message and agree you will not do it again.

Feel free to call if you would like to talk about this.

Bruce

**Bruce W. Smith**

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**From:** Maria Libby [<mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:20 PM

**To:** Bruce W. Smith

**Subject:** legal question



Hi Bruce,  
It has been a while - how are you doing?

I have a legal question I am hoping you can answer via email. I have been away in Boston and will be in meetings most of the day tomorrow. I sent an email to seniors that potentially I shouldn't have. It is included below.

*Hello Seniors!*

*Most of you are 18 and this June may be your first election where you can vote. I would encourage you to go to your town halls and register this week. The school district would love your support to approve next year's budget!*

*In addition, those of you who live in Camden and Rockport, we would love your support to try to pass the Middle School Bond for a new CRMS. This was voted down in February 2015 and we are hoping for a different outcome this time. Your vote counts!*

*It is a great kick-off to your newfound independence as an adult - become a voting member of our democratic society!*

*Best of luck your last few weeks - looking forward to seeing you on the stage,  
Maria*

**Apparently there is a bill pending that would prohibit this email: LD 1483, An Act To Safeguard Student Contact Information Provided to Schools**

For now, did I break any laws and if I shouldn't have sent it, do you have any recommendations on how to "self correct" and avoid this from becoming a bigger issue?

A parent expressed concern to a board member: "...is that this is a political matter and school employees should not use their position to try to influence the votes of students. I really hope that the truth of this is different from what I am hearing..."

Thanks,  
Maria

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From: **Betsy Saltonstall** betsy.saltonstall@gmail.com  
Subject: Re: Middle School Email Broadcast  
Date: May 19, 2017 at 9:10 AM  
To: Maria Libby Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net  
Cc: Betsy Saltonstall betsy.saltonstall@fivetowns.net, Kristin Collins kristin.collins@fivetowns.net

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Hi Maria,  
Thank you for your due diligence on this matter. I'm hopeful that this parent will be satisfied with the information from Drummond Woodsum and encourage them to contact you should they have any further questions.  
Let's hope the vote is successful and this parent's concern doesn't disrupt any enthusiasm for the new Middle School project.  
All the best,  
Betsy

On May 19, 2017, at 12:44 AM, Maria Libby <Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net> wrote:

Hi Betsy,  
I sent my email, which I have included below, to a lawyer at Drummond Woodsum who said it did not violate any current law and would not violate the pending law as I used school issued student email accounts, not contact information provided to the school.

It is not a legal issue, but a political one. Although I clearly had the best of intentions, as seen by the tone of my email, I understand why some may be concerned about me using the school email system to encourage students to support the district's referendum questions. I will be more careful about stepping over that line and won't let it happen again.

Please let the parent know who contacted you that I am happy to talk to them about this if they would like to speak directly to me.

Thanks,  
Maria

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On Wed, May 17, 2017 at 6:03 PM, Betsy Saltonstall <betsy.saltonstall@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi,  
For the record I was notified by a parent that an email was sent by Maria to Seniors encouraging them to vote for the Middle School bond. The concern: "...is that this is a political matter and school employees should not use their position to try to influence the votes of students. I really hope that the truth of this is different from what I am hearing..."

Can we verify with MSMA that Maria's email to students does not cross any legal guidelines regarding student contact?

If it was a persuasive email advocating a vote in favor of the bond this may be a legal issue. I am aware of legislation pending related to this matter, LD 1483, An Act To Safeguard Student Contact Information Provided to Schools.

Thank you.



Betsy

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2017, at 4:21 PM, Tina Swanson <[tina.swanson@fivetowns.net](mailto:tina.swanson@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

Hi Maria,

I got a call from Betsy Saltonstall (whom I've copied on this email) saying she heard something about an email going out from the superintendent's office to students about the middle school vote.

Betsy, below is the email that went to CRES and CRMS PARENTS (not students) on May 8.

On May 8, 2017, at 6:27 PM, Five Town CSD & MSAD #28 <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

Hello Parents, So many of you have told me over the past year that you wanted to help with this effort and now is the time we need your help. There is a PR committee that is comprised of mostly parents and they need your help during the next month as the vote draws nearer. There are numerous events where we could use some extra hands and supportive parents. Wyatt McConnell, parent of young children, is coordinating these efforts and has volunteered to organize parents who are willing to help. If you can give an hour or two in order to spread the word about the new middle school on the June ballot, please contact Wyatt at [wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com) and let him know ASAP. If you are unable to help now, please make sure you get to the polls and vote on June 13. Last time many parents assumed the bond would pass and did not vote. We need parents at the polls! As always thanks for your support, Maria

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From: **Sharon Tinch** sharon.tinch@lonza.com  
Subject: Middle School  
Date: May 19, 2017 at 8:29 AM  
To: maria.libby@fivetowns.net

Hi Maria. I just wanted to give kudos to everyone working to get information out on the new middle school. The website is fantastic, there has been ample opportunity for community members to tour the school and attend meetings, and I feel like there is a very positive vibe and strong message out there supporting a new building. On top of that—when I went into the office yesterday and asked for a sign they are fresh out so clearly many of us are trying to spread awareness!

Just wanted to share—thank you and everyone who has worked so hard to get the community behind this!

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From: **Beth Howie Moss** [hmoss06813@roadrunner.com](mailto:hmoss06813@roadrunner.com)  
Subject: Re: How you can help the middle school campaign  
Date: May 19, 2017 at 7:05 AM  
To: Maria Libby [Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net)  
Cc: Wyatt McConnell [wpmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccconnell@gmail.com)

BM

Let us know if we need to grab any signs from the school before the end of the day.  
Thanks.

On May 17, 2017, at 9:43 PM, Maria Libby <[Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

I am not sure what repairs we are talking about...

However, I will say, right now, we have everything up to code as is required in our building. That does not mean current code because many old buildings don't have to meet current codes. It is essentially impossible to meet current codes in our current building because current codes are so much more stringent than when the building was constructed and the cost would be astronomical. For instance, current codes have much higher wind resistant structural requirements that we don't meet. It would essentially require rebuilding and reinforcing many of our interior walls. There are a plethora of items that fit this category.

The new building would obviously comply with all current codes.

Hope that helps,  
Maria

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On Wed, May 17, 2017 at 9:27 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:

Great! Thank you. I'll send a follow up email later tonight or first thing tomorrow w/ addresses for sign delivery and coordinating getting the signs to you.

As to your question re: whether code compliance is mandated, Maria is certainly more able to fully address that than I am. My understanding (which may be a bit off -- please correct me if I'm wrong on this Maria) is that some of the code issues will be mandated (providing more handicap parking and access to the building from those spots I believe is required once you begin any kind of work on the parking lot, and work to the parking lot is needed) while others aren't necessarily mandated (I don't think the added fire sprinkler capacity would be mandated, but may be wrong on that).

Nonetheless, the goal of the school board and the building committee is to provide a facility that we know will be safe for our kids, not one that merely meets minimum mandates. So the decision to bring everything up to code is first and foremost a safety concern, rather than a desire to satisfy the code enforcement officer. I'm glad that our school system is not one that waits for its accreditor to strong-arm it into getting its infrastructure and programming in-line, but is instead proactively stays one step ahead.

Wyatt

On Tue, May 16, 2017 at 8:49 PM, Beth Howie Moss <[hmoss06813@roadrunner.com](mailto:hmoss06813@roadrunner.com)> wrote:

We are happy to drive around and deliver lawn signs. Will you let us know when they are in or should we check in with the office? We will join you at a table (just checking the calendar).

One question we have is: Are we mandated to make those repairs to the school to bring it up to code??

Thanks for your time.

> On May 15, 2017, at 4:18 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:

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From: **Ellen Curtis** [ellen.curtis@fivetowns.net](mailto:ellen.curtis@fivetowns.net)  
Subject: Re: More materials for Ellen  
Date: May 20, 2017 at 9:21 AM  
To: Elizabeth Noble [enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)  
Cc: Wyatt McConnell [wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com), Lyman Mackenzie [mlcronin@gmail.com](mailto:mlcronin@gmail.com), Maria Libby [Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net), Abraham Dugal [abedugal@gmail.com](mailto:abedugal@gmail.com)

On Sat, May 20, 2017 at 9:17 AM, Elizabeth Noble <[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Ellen,

Thank you so much for all your help!!

Let me know if there is anything else we can do to support your efforts.

Elizabeth

On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 5:47 PM, Ellen Curtis <[ellen.curtis@fivetowns.net](mailto:ellen.curtis@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

First Wyatt, I am not the owner of The Smiling Cow, I am one of Meg Quijano's many employees. And second, yes the middle school office is the best place for me to pick up materials.

On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 5:18 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hello all,

Ellen (owner of Smiling Cow) has been busy knocking on doors of businesses on Main Street in downtown Camden. She has already distributed all of the heavy-paper printouts of the lawn sign we provided earlier and would like more copies of those as well as copies of the one-sheet. Ellen - is the middle school office the best location for you to pick up materials? Ellen, if you stumble into a business that would like an actual lawn sign, feel free to snag one from the Middle School and deliver or let us know and we'll make sure it gets delivered.

Ellen is planning to hit the businesses on Main Street, as well as those on Bay View and Elm Street if she is able. I don't think that overlaps with any of our door-to-door efforts, but we should make sure we don't overlap with those zones.

Thank you for all your work, Ellen!

Wyatt

From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: electronic version of your letter re: budgets  
Date: May 21, 2017 at 8:11 PM  
To: Wyatt McConnell wpmccconnell@gmail.com

It is attached.

Also, Wyatt, just so you know...my youngest son is graduating from college on Saturday and I am headed to Utah with him on Sunday through the following Sunday. I will actually be "gone" Friday, May 26 - Sunday June 4. Just in case anyone is wondering why I seem to have fallen off the radar!

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On Sun, May 21, 2017 at 2:06 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Maria,

Do you have an e-copy of this you can send that's easier to print copies of -- would be nice to have some copies of this at tables and perhaps even when going door-to-door.

I had a couple conversations at Farmers Market this weekend that would've benefited from having a copy.



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From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Single Stall Bathroom  
Date: May 21, 2017 at 8:28 PM  
To: Jaime Stone jaime.stone@fivetowns.net  
Cc: Tyler Barter tbarter@oakpoint.com



I just had a conversation about this with someone over the weekend - Jaime, our minds are connecting even when we aren't talking!

I think it is important as well. I'd love to have 2 single stall unisex bathrooms on every floor of the academic wing. Is that possible?

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On Sun, May 21, 2017 at 10:16 AM, Jaime Stone <[jaime.stone@fivetowns.net](mailto:jaime.stone@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

One of those moments.. do we have some single stall bathrooms or can we in place of larger bathrooms with 3-4 stalls in each.

- 1- the privacy is helpful to reduce stress and potential mean behavior in the bathrooms at times
- 2- we have students who are gender identifying differently than their birth gender.

Best would be to have both... thanks for considering.

Jaime Stone  
Principal  
Camden-Rockport Middle School

From: **Maria Libby** [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)  
Subject: Fwd: new middle school  
Date: May 21, 2017 at 8:33 PM  
To: SAD Board [sad\\_board@fivetowns.net](mailto:sad_board@fivetowns.net)

fyi

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From: **Dale Landrith** <[dalelandrith46@gmail.com](mailto:dalelandrith46@gmail.com)>  
Date: Sat, May 20, 2017 at 8:21 PM  
Subject: new middle school  
To: [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)

Maria

I have written an article severely questioning the financial practices in Camden. As part of that article I questioned quite cynically the ability have oversight of the new middle school project. Unfortunately, I submitted my article prior to seeing your and Matt's article in the paper this week.

i have sent a revision to my article and it should be in time. However, if not I apologize in advance and will make an effort online and in a letter to the editor to correct my position.

I think that you and Matt presented a good case for oversight and respect that and compliment you on anticipating that there are going to be questions about financial management.

Now if we could just do something about the taxes.

Dale E. Landrith Sr.

From: **Tina Swanson** tina.swanson@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: MET  
Date: May 23, 2017 at 8:28 AM  
To: Maria Libby maria.libby@fivetowns.net



You gave it to me to file. It is in the front of your CRMS building binder for now, but I need to make you a new notebook, since that one is full.

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 9:49 PM, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
I can't find all my MET info you had put together for me. Have you seen it or did you file it for me??

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From: **Elizabeth Noble** enoble@gmail.com

Subject: June Picnic etc.

Date: May 22, 2017 at 5:06 PM

To: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net, **Abraham Dugal** abedugal@gmail.com, **Lyman Mackenzie** mlcronin@gmail.com, **Wyatt McConnell** wpmccconnell@gmail.com, **Matthew Smith** matthew.smith@fivetowns.net, **Castle, Diana D** diana.castle@bankofamerica.com, **Tyler Smith** tyler@bayviewmanagement.net, **Kathleen Meil** kathleenmeil207@gmail.com, **Geoffrey Scott** gscott236@gmail.com



Hello all,

Quick update on some things.

First - Matt, thank you and Just Teachers for a super fun night! Wyatt, MacKenzie and I are now fans for life. More importantly, I do think that some people were listening - I was tagged in several posts and there has been an uptick in FB discussion. I think it we keep reaching out to people and reminding them what they can do - the message will stick.

Also, Matt thank you for all your hard work on the videos. I think together they paint a very compelling picture! I look forward to getting the new ones online.

Picnic: After some conversations among most of the group, we have decided to cancel the picnic. We haven't done much advertising. We think that the events that ask people to come to us, just aren't as effective as tabling and going door to door. We think that our energy can be better spent doing that. Also, there are several other events that day that cater to our base - so they will likely detract from potential attendees. And Diana pointed out that most middle school parents are running between sporting events on the weekends and likely won't rally to go to yet another thing. Any thoughts or objections to that?

Advertising: I spoke with the ad person at Penbay Pilot. We can have an ad on the top banner line for \$150/week. I think that's worth it. We would start is June 1 and run it for two weeks. I am waiting to talk to village soup/camden herald. The ads are pricey but I think worth it in the weeks leading up to the vote.

Memorial Day Parade: We are going to try to have a float. I have several leads on possible floats. And populated it with adorable kids and tug at heart strings. And ideas for possible banners, ideas, etc please share.

Signs: The signs now seem to be everywhere. There aren't many left - most of the extras are at the schools. We are thinking about ordering 100 large stickers that say "VOTE TODAY" to put on some of the yard signs the morning of the vote.

Letter to the Editor. I sent one from Keith Rose to the papers today. It talks about the potential poop-heat potential and is great. We need to get a few more done. June 1 is the last chance to get something to the Camden Herald. Penbay pilot has no limit and will publish until the vote.

We also have a volunteer who has made it her mission to get signs in the windows in downtown Camden, which is great.

That's all I can think of for now. Thanks again everyone for your hard work. I will leave you with an anecdote from my door to door this weekend. I found myself at John French's Mom's house. She is likely a no vote, but she was very nice and let me try to convince for five minutes, then the phone rang. Her parting words were - it's going to pass, I'm just not sure I'm going to vote for it. I found that encouraging.



From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: School board meeting  
Date: May 22, 2017 at 2:29 PM  
To: Alison McKellar alisonmckellar@gmail.com

Hi Alison,

I understand this concern and it is too bad there is a conflict. Assuming you become a select board member, I would also suggest avoiding Wednesdays as that is our board meeting night!

I have emailed the board to determine if they are willing and able to change the meeting to the 15th which is the only viable option. I will let you know if they can change it.

Take care and good luck in the election,  
Maria

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On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:57 AM, Alison McKellar <[alisonmckellar@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmckellar@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Maria-

I'm really excited to learn that the MET discussion has been opened up again. I'm concerned though that the discussion is going to take place at a time when both Camden and Rockport will be holding Annual Town Meetings. For Camden, this meeting time is mandated in our charter and we can't change it (although we should really consider amending the charter for future years since the meeting often comes at an inconvenient time for parents and others).

Still, the annual town meeting is an important thing where we vote on many issues including the entire town budget. I think School Board members should be encouraged to attend and certainly there are many people on the town side of things who may like to participate in the MET discussions.

Thanks for your consideration.

Alison



From: **William Gartley** [wgartley@gartleydorsky.com](mailto:wgartley@gartleydorsky.com)  
Subject: FW: New Middle School project  
Date: May 23, 2017 at 10:13 AM  
To: Maria Libby ([maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)) [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)

Maria,

I assumed that it does but want to make sure. Is the demolition cost in the budget?

Thanks Will

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From: Nick Wharton [<mailto:ndwhar@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 6:23 PM  
To: William Gartley <[WGartley@GartleyDorsky.com](mailto:WGartley@GartleyDorsky.com)>  
Subject: New Middle School project

Will,

Does the proposed budget of \$26,500,000 include the cost of demolition of the existing school?

Thanks, Nick Wharton

Sent from my iPad

From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Last night was good  
Date: May 23, 2017 at 3:43 PM  
To: Wyatt McConnell wpmcconnell@gmail.com

LOL. She and I have been emailing back and forth for 2 days. She is like a pit bull with this issue!

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On Tue, May 23, 2017 at 12:00 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:

(1) Thank you for last night -- I thought everyone at the front of the room did a great job.

(2) I'm sorry that I've likely dumped Alison M. on you like a rabid dog re: MET. I just keep deflecting any question she asks with "I don't know, we really didn't look at that because its not part of this project - ask Maria or a board member" :)

From: **Maria Libby** [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)  
Subject: Re: important thought about MET  
Date: May 23, 2017 at 5:01 PM  
To: Marcia Dietrich [marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net](mailto:marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net)



My guess is that might come up after the vote, although the initial capital campaign committee turned PR committee might run out of steam by then!

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On Tue, May 23, 2017 at 4:04 PM, Marcia Dietrich <[marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net](mailto:marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
What really surprised me last night is that no one asked about fundraising for the project.

On Tue, May 23, 2017 at 10:33 AM, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
Maybe we could continue using the Bus Barn and just have a walkway over???

I think that challenge is the most we should "crack that window".

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On Tue, May 23, 2017 at 8:45 AM, Marcia Dietrich <[marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net](mailto:marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
The current site plan does not include any parking for MET

On Tue, May 23, 2017 at 8:43 AM, Marcia Dietrich <[marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net](mailto:marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
So perhaps the board could throw out the challenge to MET lovers. You have 18 months to establish a fully financed plan which restores the building and makes it suitable for our use.

On Tue, May 23, 2017 at 8:35 AM, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
I couldn't agree with you more, actually. All I am saying is that if people want to preserve it, then make that happen for us in a way that works with this project. I am not at all in favor of selling it, giving it to the town, etc. I think people will back down once we say the only use we'd consider is for our own purposes since we need it more than anyone. Since we can't afford it, and no one is likely to step forward to pay for it, I think it will not go anywhere.

If you look closely at the plan, it seems we can still move the building away from the woods and have space for expansion. The current plan doesn't overlap with the current location of MET at all.

I am not opposed to simply deciding again we are going to demolish it, but I thought this might be a way out of the potentially ugly politics of it. Alison McKellar is going to be the biggest thorn in our side about this....

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On Tue, May 23, 2017 at 8:12 AM, Marcia Dietrich <[marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net](mailto:marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
I am not totally comfortable with that. I still feel the number of people attached to that building, while they may be passionate, is quite small. If there was a significant community energy behind saving the building we would have heard a lot more "noise" about this much earlier. The timeframe would also be challenging for this effort since the building



would require an immediate investment of funds to establish heating and electrical service. I also thought that it was the removal of MET which allowed us to shift the building away from the property line giving us the possibility of future expansion of the classroom wing.

I don't see how, with a cost of about 3.4M, it would be financially viable for the building to be restored privately and leased to us. The 20% historic preservation tax credit is only available for buildings which will be used for business or income producing purposes.

While I support the board taking another look, I am not in favor of losing expansion possibilities if that is the case, delaying any aspect of this project, or demolishing the other buildings with uncertainty about the viability of MET remaining.

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 10:07 PM, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

As you may know, our board voted to reconsider MET options in order to open that door before the vote so that doesn't become a make or break voting issue. We plan to do that in June.

In the meantime, Will Gartley, our building committee co-chair had a great idea tonight. If there is such a push in the town to keep MET, then let's get the support of all those people to keep it for Zenith and the Central Office. The school system still needs space for these purposes. Why not direct all that energy to our favor and call their "bluff" so to speak. I still think that is the best use of the MET building. Will suggested maybe there is a way to do a long term lease with a private owner for the school. Who knows - maybe this could be a win all the way around!

Keep that thought in mind and start suggesting that vision when people ask about MET. "Yes, we'd love to save it. And we have the perfect idea....." It will be hard to argue NOT to use it for the school but to use it for commercial purposes instead!

Thanks,  
Maria

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From: **Elizabeth Noble** [enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)  
Subject: Fwd: Middle Matters display and online advertising  
Date: May 23, 2017 at 1:28 PM  
To: Maria Libby [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net), Wyatt McConnell [wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)

Print and online ads are something we discussed previously. It's now time to pay for them to reserve the spot. See MacKenzie's prices below.

It appears that the total for both print and online will be about \$600. What's the best way to pay for these? We can pay and be reimbursed if that's easiest.

Also, for Penbay Pilot we have to say who paid for the ads. Since we have raised some money outside of the school, I think it's ok to say "Paid for by The Middle Matters" ?

Thanks!

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From: **Mackenzie Lyman** <[mlcronin@gmail.com](mailto:mlcronin@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, May 23, 2017 at 1:24 PM  
Subject: Middle Matters display and online advertising  
To: "[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)" <[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)>

Here is an outline of our possible print/online advertising opportunities:

**3 col x 3 inch b/w display ad**

Run Dates: June 1st and June 8th  
Publication: Camden Herald, Courier Gazette, Village Soup (online only)  
\$65/week

**6 col x 3 color display ad**

Front Page of Camden Herald  
Run Date: June 8  
\$250

Online Tile Display  
Home page of PenBay Pilot  
Weeks of June 1 and June 8  
\$100/week

Total = \$580

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From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: The middle matters!  
Date: May 24, 2017 at 2:50 PM  
To: **Matthew Speno** mspeno@yahoo.com  
Cc: **Tina Swanson** tina.swanson@fivetowns.net



Hi Matt, that would be great. I am leaving for a week but could meet when I got back for a half hour. Please schedule a time through Tina whom I have included in this email.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPad

On May 24, 2017, at 12:32 PM, Matthew Speno <mspeno@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Maria

I have spoken to my contact at the PenBay Pilot about submitting an article in favor of the middle school construction project.

I have asked for a publication date at least several days before the issue goes to vote and they have agreed.

What I would like to do is touch base with you to let you know my approach to the article and to also interview you.

Let me know your thoughts.

Best

Matt

Sent from my iPhone

From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Pic of old high school in presentation  
Date: May 24, 2017 at 11:47 AM  
To: Wyatt McConnell wpmcconnell@gmail.com



??? Not sure what you mean. I didn't notice anything that was off...

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On Wed, May 24, 2017 at 11:44 AM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:

Alison M. Just brought to my attention there is a pic in the slide deck from the other night that is supposed to be MET but is actually the old high school. I presume she's correct.



From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Building Committee dissolution  
Date: May 24, 2017 at 11:14 AM  
To: Wyatt McConnell wpmccconnell@gmail.com



We will form a new committee, but it may have some of the same members. The board will meet in late June to determine precisely what is needed.

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On Wed, May 24, 2017 at 10:07 AM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:

Assuming bond passes - building committee continues until project is complete, correct? I spoke with the women that wanted to wait on comprehensive plan a bit longer at end the other night and the idea there would be a clerk of works made her feel better. I told her I thought committee was intending to continue to be in place too, which she was wildly enthusiastic about. I had more conversations at Farmers market about these kinds of ideas than about 16 vs 26 last weekend...probably because it's a friendly crowd

From: Elizabeth Noble <enoble@gmail.com>  
Subject: Fwd: The BDN and other stuff  
Date: May 24, 2017 at 10:13 PM  
To: Maria Libby <maria.libby@fivetowns.net>



Yikes - this is what was going around before. . .

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From: Wyatt McConnell <wpmcconnell@gmail.com>  
Date: Wed, May 24, 2017 at 9:15 PM  
Subject: The BDN and other stuff  
To: Elizabeth Noble <enoble@gmail.com>

This in Nov. 2014: <https://bangordailynews.com/2014/11/19/news/midcoast/camden-rockport-officials-voice-concern-about-cost-of-new-school-timing-of-vote/?ref=relatedBox>

Followed by this in Dec: that included this choice quote: "Board member Tori Manzi of Camden said she values the opinion of the selectmen but that the school board should not fold because of the request. She said the board often has "something on its shoulder" because the school board has control over such a large portion of the budget."

<https://bangordailynews.com/2014/12/05/news/midcoast/camden-rockport-school-board-to-stick-with-february-vote-on-28-million-bond-for-new-middle-school/?ref=relatedBox>

And then the article days before the vote included this: "Town officials in both Camden and Rockport have voiced concern about both the cost of the project and the timing of the referendum. The Camden Select Board had formally asked the school board to reschedule the vote until June in hopes of getting more people to vote." <https://bangordailynews.com/2015/02/08/news/midcoast/residents-to-vote-on-28-million-school-bond-to-build-new-camden-rockport-middle-school/?ref=relatedBox>

There's also this -- SEVENTY PEOPLE at the Rockport hearing back then. SEVENTY!!!! And it sounds like seventy fairly grumpy folks. I remind you there were 15 the other night, well over half of which were supportive; at least half of which were enthusiastically so. <http://knox.villagesoup.com/p/rockport-residents-speak-out-on-middle-school-project/1292354>

Or this -- "On Jan. 6 — and in a symbolic vote of no confidence — the Camden Select Board voted 3 to 2 Jan. 6 not to sign such a warrant for its citizens.

The vote was symbolic because the select boards of both towns have no jurisdiction over the school district, School Administrative District 28. The school district is its own legal entity; therefore the Camden vote was merely a show of disapproval of the school board's timing of the vote, and for some, its cost...[John French] was reiterating sentiments expressed last fall by Camden and Rockport select and planning boards, whose members were skeptical of the school project cost, scope and necessity. At a Nov. 17 workshop, municipal board members urged the school board to schedule its vote on the \$28 million project for annual town meetings in June, saying more citizens, especially the elderly, would be able to get out and vote on the measure"

<http://www.penbaypilot.com/article/28-million-camden-rockport-middle-school-project-proceeds-february-public-hearing-vote/46575>

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Honestly, it would have been a miracle if that vote had passed.



From: **Wyatt McConnell** [wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)  
Subject: Re: Question re: trees in front of MET  
Date: May 25, 2017 at 10:21 PM  
To: Maria Libby [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)



Awesome . . . I can't believe how much work goes into some of these votes :)

On Thu, May 25, 2017 at 10:19 PM, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
Spoke to architects. We will be able to save most of the trees near the road.

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On Fri, May 19, 2017 at 12:53 AM, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
I have sent an email to architects but haven't heard back. Will respond by Friday afternoon if possible!

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On Wed, May 17, 2017 at 12:50 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Maria,

(if you can respond to the below reasonably with "every effort will be made" that'd be ideal and I can forward your response to Beedy w/ my comments as parent of children that will walk to the school re: my preference for the set-back. If you can't say that in good faith and/or don't want to bother asking Tyler about such a trivial question, don't bother replying and I won't reach out to her).

I spoke briefly with Beedy Parker at the high school chorus concert last night. She asked if the large trees between MET and Knowlton would/could be saved. She expressed concerns about having the school set so far back from the road transforming it from a walking, in-town school to one that is driver-focused and designed more like a suburban/country school. Her feeling was if at least the street-adjacent trees on that side of Knowlton could be saved, it would make her feel better about the project. Is that a possibility?

Wyatt



From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Help answering two questions  
Date: May 25, 2017 at 10:09 PM  
To: Wyatt McConnell wpmccconnell@gmail.com  
Cc: Elizabeth Noble enoble@gmail.com

Agreed!

As a matter of fact, the only thing we want to have in a pile of poop is our heating system!

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On Thu, May 25, 2017 at 9:57 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:

I'll also note that these questions are great to be getting. The basic premise of the questions is actually exactly what should be asked. Take the jitters-plus-weirdness-of-Facebook-commenting away and you're left with a totally reasonable query: "I concede that the school is a pile of poop and needs to be replaced. As we do that, let's also make sure we're reviewing our procedures and making sure there isn't a systemic reason for the building to have turned into a pile of poop." If that's the question coming from "concerned voter" -- that's a concern I'm more than happy to entertain because only a horrible human being goes from there to "well, fine, let our kids continue to be schooled in a pile of poop then if you can't take care of your toys. I'm voting no to spite you."

On Thu, May 25, 2017 at 9:00 PM, Maria Libby <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

1) Yes, we are required to go out to bid. Some aspects of this project are beyond what a local contractor can do and we will likely need to go with contractors who work exclusively on schools. I hope that is self-evident to most people. Tyler is the one who can best answer it.

2) I don't think we can allow people to perpetuate that maintenance story. The school wasn't run into the ground. It has lasted well beyond the useful life of a school facility. It has been well maintained. That is like asking why a 20 year old car that is on its last leg wasn't well maintained. Some really old cars that have been restored are in pristine condition, but that takes extraordinary effort and resources. Our taxpayers make sure our budget increase is low, so it is always a balancing act. To maintain that building in the way that perspective assumes would have required 10% tax increases each year and our community wouldn't tolerate that.

People are going to start picking apart every detail at this point. They are just getting nervous because there is a general lack of trust in our society. I think we need to continually reassure people in a really simple way - the school has a track record of maintaining buildings well, managing finances responsibly, there are smart people leading the project and district, we are proceeding in an environmentally responsible way, we will reconsider MET, we have all the bases covered,..... I think people need reassurance. We are going to have people with opposing viewpoints on every aspect of this. The entrance is awesome, the entrance is too extravagant, we should do solar, we shouldn't do solar, we should keep MET for low income housing, we should never allow low income housing on the school grounds. We have to take input and set a course, not scramble around trying to please everyone. I am saying this for myself - not you!

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On Thu, May 25, 2017 at 4:48 PM, Elizabeth Noble <[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)> wrote:

1) This might be a question for Tyler. But I also believe that not just any contractor can work on a school. Because of the higher level of regulations etc. So bidding process to a specific group. Not sure anyone local has that ability.

2) I think this question is valid. I've noticed a few things that have surprised me. Like the offices in the elementary school desperately need to be painted. But I think this is a damned if you do damned if you don't sort of situation. If we were asking for too much for maintenance people would bitch, but they bitch otherwise. I think you should feel free to point people in my direction. Say something like actually Elizabeth Noble is going to be on the school board and you should talk to her about this. The school board has direct influence over budget etc. and a conversation with Keith might help us better answer

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Sent from my iPhone

> On May 25, 2017, at 3:48 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:

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> Someone has asked on facebook two questions:

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> (1). What plan/systems are in place to make sure local contractors get the work? I assume response to this is as with all public projects, the work will be put out to bid...I assume this is mandated by law.

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> (2). What maintenance plans are being put into place to ensure this one isn't run into the ground like the last one". There have been a slew (well, like five) of comments along these lines the last few days. Enough that I feel we should answer this guy's question directly. I have no idea how to respond to it, honestly. I don't know what our current maintenance plan is (I assume it's more than just "fix stuff when it breaks"). The theme in general I'm hearing both on Facebook and folks I've spoken with directly is folks are grudgingly willing to vote yes for the bond but they do genuinely think there is an issue with how we (town and school system both) maintain/take care of our stuff, that neither is properly budgeting for that.



From: Wyatt McConnell wpmccconnell@gmail.com  
Subject: Fwd: Articles on middle school in the pipe?  
Date: May 25, 2017 at 10:05 AM  
To: Maria Libby Maria Libby@fivetowns.net, Lyman Mackenzie mlcronin@gmail.com, Elizabeth Noble enoble@gmail.com

This ran on the front page of Camden Herald on May 11 (I never look at the paper copy, just online). Kim is getting ready to post it to their facebook feed now because she's not sure it made it there the first time. Its great, only positive, and includes a link to our website. They will be running their usual "issues run down" in the next edition, and she said they may publish some editorial on the issue (which, even though I'm not a betting man, I'd still bet would be pro-bond). At this point, I really don't see what print ads are going to get us that the papers aren't already doing for us for free?

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From: Wyatt McConnell <wpmccconnell@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, May 25, 2017 at 9:59 AM  
Subject: Re: Articles on middle school in the pipe?  
To: Elizabeth Noble <enoble@gmail.com>

## New middle school building design released

BY LOUIS BETTCHER

CAMDEN — Renderings of a proposed design for the new Camden-Rockport Middle School project show a facade which combines traditional and modern architecture: dormer windows, stone and wooden shingles and a glass atrium.

The renderings, created by Oak Point Associates of Biddeford, were presented along with floor plans and site maps by Superintendent Maria Libby on May 6 at the Camden Public Library.

"It was yet another chance to get in front of the public about the proposal. We're trying to communicate as much as we can about the project," said Libby on May 8.

The library event was organized by a group of parents involved in the campaign to build a new middle school. Two official



A rendering by Oak Point Associates shows the facade of a proposed design for the Camden-Rockport Middle School on Knowlton Street in Camden. SOURCE: OAK POINT ASSOCIATES

public forums will be held in both Camden and Rockport in the coming weeks, which Libby says will be presented by architects involved in the project.

Structural problems, as well as issues with parking, safety and concerns of adequate educational space at the current school building contributed to the need felt by parents, teachers and administrators

that a new school be built on the Knowlton Street site.

The new plans site the school with an significant setback from Knowlton Street. The current facility meanders close to the road, from the old Camden High School building to the Mary E. Taylor building, which was built in the 1920s. The street is flooded in the morning and afternoon, as parents, school buses and

children on foot, use it to arrive and depart the school.

The proposed designs situates the school at the top of Knowlton Street, and places two circular driveways at the main entrance to the school, one for parents and one for school buses. Rows of parking spaces are allocate next to the parent drop-off loop, and would be built over a portion of the "high school" wing facility, which is an amalgam of classroom that were incorporated with the middle school when the new Camden Hills Region High School was built.

In the new school, classrooms are arranged in the "academic wing," a long extension into the rear of the property. The classrooms appear to be arranged on three levels, with staircases at either end. CRMS Principal Jaime Sto

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said that one of her concerns with the current layout is that classrooms and hallways branch off into a number of directions and levels.

"Some of the concerns in terms of flow for students are the number of narrow, winding, unsupervised hallways we have because of the sprawl of the building. The building was never meant to be one building, it's multiple buildings that were connected over time," said Stone in March.

A tour of the school in March revealed roof leaks, temperamental elevators, flying ants in exposed wood,

a boiler "locked-out" due to leaks and cavernous unused spaces beneath the building. In the days following the tour, students were sent home as a result of a boiler leak which deposited 50 gallons of oil onto the boiler room floor.

Facilities Director Keith Rose has said on multiple occasions over the past year that the current building is long past its prime.

"The entire infrastructure of this building is at the end of its useful life. We're talking the complete electrical system... all the plumbing, the heating distribution," said Rose in March, adding that one wing of the building

has been sinking over the years, a result of being placed on unstable ground.

Due to the new, compacted design, the proposed school will have a much smaller footprint on the Knowlton Street property, allowing additional space for athletic fields. The presentation Libby delivered highlighted reductions in energy and operation expenses of approximately \$300,000 annually at the new facility.

Other benefits touted by the proposal are increases to safety through improved traffic flow and in-school supervision, and a positive impact to the community as

a whole.

"Strong schools equal healthy communities that attract young families and retirees. Strong schools help sustain the economic vitality of our community," states the presentation packet.

Last November, the School Administrative District 28 Board accepted the recommendation of the Camden-Rockport Middle School Building Vision Committee that a new middle school building be constructed at 34 Knowlton St. Voters in Camden and Rockport will be asked to approve the project at the June 13 polls.

The new middle school

building was one of three options that the CRMS Building Vision Committee had explored in order to address the obstacles at the current Camden-Rockport Middle School. The other options were to patch or to renovate the existing school. Last year the committee created a matrix chart explaining the costs of each option and what they would entail.

The construction of a new middle school at the Knowlton Street property would cost an estimated \$26.3 million. Renovations to the current facility, addressing structural, systems and energy issues

would cost an estimated \$20.5 million, and the current facility would be torn down. The options would cost \$1 million and would address structural issues, A/C compliance, life safety and all existing buildings remain.

The Rockport public hearing on the middle school project will be held May 11, at 7:30 p.m. Rockport Opera House public forum will be in Camden on Monday May 22 at the Washi Street Conference Room at 7 p.m. Information about the project can be found at crmsmiddlematters

On Thu, May 25, 2017 at 9:48 AM, Elizabeth Noble <[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)> wrote:

What was published in May 11? That's also a month out. When we're the articles done back in 2015?

Also - the people who don't know. WTF. Haven't they noticed the signs!?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 25, 2017, at 9:19 AM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:

Thanks Kim. The most frustrating response is "why isn't anyone talking about this? Why aren't you out telling people about this?" As I stand behind a table at the Farmer's Market for a third hour of a third consecutive Saturday...

On May 25, 2017 9:10 AM, "Kim Lincoln" <[klincoln@courierpublicationsllc.com](mailto:klincoln@courierpublicationsllc.com)> wrote:

Not a full-on story exclusively about the middle school, but we will have a run down of what each town will be facing for questions and both the polls and town meetings and it will include information on that. It's frustrating that people do not pay attention as I bet we've written no less than 5 stories on this since January! Our last story was on the front page of the May 11 edition.

I don't think I ever posted that last story to our FB feed, so I'll go do that now.

We also may editorialize on the issue before the vote.

KIM

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**From:** Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 5:09 PM



**To:** Kim Lincoln; Elizabeth Noble

**Subject:** Articles on middle school in the pipe?

Hi Kim,

If you can't answer this that's fine, but was wondering if you guys have any articles/stories addressing the middle school bond in the works for publication before the vote? We are somewhat concerned with how many people still don't know anything about the issue being on the ballot and trying to come up with best strategies to remedy that.

From: **Tina Swanson** tina.swanson@fivetowns.net  
Subject: [CSD Board] Save the Date: June 21 School Board Meetings  
Date: May 30, 2017 at 9:55 AM  
To: SAD Board sad.board@fivetowns.net, CSD Board csd.board@fivetowns.net, Sarah Bradley Prindiville sarahmamabp@gmail.com, Elizabeth Noble enoble@gmail.com, Sarah Bradley Prindiville sarahbradley@gmail.com

Dear current and future School Board members:

The first meetings after the election have been scheduled for June 21, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Bus Barn. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- 5:00 pm - 5:15 pm - MSAD #28 meeting to elect the leadership and appoint Camden-Rockport CSD representatives
- 5:15 pm - 5:30 pm - CSD meeting to elect leadership
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - MSAD 28 Workshop on CRMS Project

Please mark your calendars. Confirmation and official agendas to follow closer to the date.

Best,

Tina

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From: **Wyatt McConnell** wpmcconnell@gmail.com  
Subject: Middle school building  
Date: June 1, 2017 at 3:48 PM  
To: Anita Brosius-Scott anita.brosius.scott@gmail.com  
Bcc: Maria Libby@fivetowns.net



Hi Anita,

The grapevine deposited a draft letter from the energy committee in my inbox today, along with Marc Ratner's comments on that letter. I wanted to reach out and address a few things that Marc didn't really quite flesh out.

First, we can't have a completed design before the bond to fund the project is approved because the bond is there in part to cover the not-small costs of finalizing a design that is capable of being permitted, etc. The work so far on this project has been funded by a sum of \$125k voters approved in 2014 to study the middle school and come up with possible plans of addressing the problems presented by current facility. That budget has funded significant engineering studies and feasibility studies, but it was never meant to cover (and cannot cover) a complete building design.

Second, I think its a mis-characterization to say that the building committee hasn't considered solar - either passive or active - at this stage. As you know, adding solar panels to a project of this magnitude is not trivial cost-wise. The building is being planned to absolutely allow for solar power to be integrated at anytime if we as a town choose to invest in that. Voters that I've spoken to are already having trouble stomaching the prospect of a \$26mil. project. I don't know many that could stomach the price tag for a building that included solar panels as a pre-requisite for its design. So instead, we have talked to the engineers/architects about making the building plug-and-play ready so that if the town chooses to fund solar on the school, it will require no/minimal modification to the building structure or electrical system. The firm has agreed that this is easily doable within the budget that we are set to go to bond for.

Another possible approach to incorporating solar or other systems that could result in a building with an even lower energy load would be to raise funds privately. As you may recall, I first got involved in this project with the intention of being involved in a Capital Campaign. My understanding is that we still have intentions of forming such a campaign if this bond is approved, and then the question is what do we use those funds for? We could use them to cover bond payments over the first few years of the project to decrease the burden on tax payers, but we've also talked about the idea of using it to fund something like solar panels or other green-options that are beyond the scope of the bonded budget but that our community values. I know conversations within our group in the early stages revealed much more excitement about that option for private fundraising over simple tax-burden relief or to fund athletic fields, etc.

While the discussion above focuses on solar, the same can be said for other green options -- be they bio or geothermal, etc. The building can be designed within our bonded budget to allow for those systems to be added on modularly as money becomes available for those systems. Importantly, the building size and building envelope which are not upgradable down the line, are being designed with efficiency as a primary driver.

I would conclude by noting that it does seem odd to me that the energy committee would consider submitting such a letter so shortly before the vote without first seeking to meet with the middle school building committee to discuss those concerns. Such a discussion might not alleviate all of your concerns, but it only seems fair to investigate those concerns in full before advocating against the project based on concerns that don't appear to have been fully investigated.

I'm happy to answer any questions -- I may not be able to answer all of them, but have pretty quick access to Keith Rose, Maria Libby, and the leader of the project from Oak Point to get answers to the ones I can't.

Best,

Wyatt

From: **Matt Dailey** matt.dailey@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Pen Bay Pilot  
Date: June 1, 2017 at 12:29 PM  
To: Marcia Dietrich marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net  
Cc: Maria Libby maria.libby@fivetowns.net

Hi Marcia,

It will be interesting to see if Lynda publishes anything like that. The argument that she would be making about the MET decision would lead a reasonable person to conclude that all decisions made by the select board since at least February 2016 should be re-deliberated because the board was dysfunctional. Of course, it is not hard to explain why the Camden select board's decision was completely reasonable and rational.

At the Camden school board candidates forum on Tuesday (no public attended in person so hopefully people will see it in their living rooms), Kim Lincoln mentioned that the VillageSoup\Camden Herald will not be publishing any letters to the editor about the election after June 1. So today is the last day that any statements for or against the middle school project will appear in that particular local media.

Thanks

Matt

On Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 7:53 AM, Marcia Dietrich <[marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net](mailto:marcia.dietrich@fivetowns.net)> wrote:

I spoke with Linda Clancey last night at the Rockport candidates forum and it sounds like she may be planning an article about MET choices. She mentioned that our interaction with the Camden select board occurred at a time when they were pretty dysfunctional (?her words) and the message from the town about MET may no longer be valid.

I also spoke to Linda Greenlaw as the town continues to list school board candidates as running for both boards. I'd like to take a copy of the legislation to her. I'm not finding it online. Can I pick up a copy?



From: marcrescue@aol.com  
Subject: IMPORTANT - please read immediately from Marc Ratner  
Date: June 1, 2017 at 1:05 PM  
To: maria.libby@fivetowns.net, enoble@gmail.com

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Maria and Elizabeth,

I was not able to attend the Energy Committee meeting last evening because we had a Select Board meeting and this afternoon - to my horror - was copied on the following letter that the committee is writing to the editors of the local news outlets.

Here is the letter being discussed and edited and afterwards is my reply.

If you or anyone we know - is close to anyone on this committee please get them to see the error of their ways.

Here's what they want to send:

#### To the Editor:

You may have seen those red signs with "The Middle Matters" sprouting on lawns around Camden and Rockport. These signs are the School District's second attempt to get a bond to replace the current Camden-Rockport Middle School (CRMS). Recall that the first attempt was defeated, and much of the opposition centered on the rushed process rather than the undeniable need to replace the CRMS. That need has not gone away, but we, the Town of Camden's Energy and Sustainability Committee, are still concerned that the process and proposed building still do not meet the needs of the community for a 21st century school that will leverage energy efficiency and life-cycle costs to provide a superior learning environment at an affordable operating cost.

The School District has set too low a bar for this new building, committing only to make it "significantly more energy efficient than the current building" (a leaky structure you could not help but improve on). The District currently budgets \$143,000 each year for electricity and oil at CRMS and promises to cut that to \$80,000/yr. with the proposed building. But over the next 50 years, that still adds up to \$4 million taxpayers must spend (not counting energy cost increases), on top of bond repayments.

Before funding is approved, the District needs to focus more time on planning a 21st-century building that will involve "zero energy"—generating its own power without burdening Camden and Rockport taxpayers with unnecessary energy costs. A quick perusal of the current renderings suggests that no thought has been given to building design to integrate solar panels or to optimum wall exposure for passive solar gain, and this cannot be the way forward.

Zero energy schools are being constructed in many communities now—with buildings that use 65 to 80 percent less energy than conventional buildings and generate the balance of the energy needed from renewable sources on-site. CRMS is optimally sited for a major solar array and—thanks to the efforts of Facilities Director Keith Rose—could potentially use "waste" energy from the neighboring wastewater treatment plant.

The District informed our Committee that the design work and choices about energy systems will not occur until after the June 13 referendum. We think that taxpayers in Camden and Rockport should know the exact design and what they are committing to in long-term energy costs BEFORE approving a building.

*Town of Camden Energy and Sustainability Committee Members: Anita Brosius-Scott, Pete Kalcjian, Peter Galloway, Marina Schaufler, (Dana Strout?), (Brian Robinson?).*

Here was my reply to the committee after seeing the letter:

Dear Energizers,

I'm stunned by this letter.

The timing is completely wrong.

My name cannot be on it and I strongly feel it shouldn't be sent at this time.

This is going to be a close vote and having been on the committee for the middle school since it began - before I was on the select board - I understand how important it is for this to be a positive vote for a new school.

My understanding from attending every single middle school design meeting is that the design you're seeing is in no way a final design and there has been much discussion in the meetings about how to make the design more energy efficient.

The last drawings I saw indeed did have solar panels.

And as you know Keith is in discussion with Dave at the Wastewater Plant about using heat from the plant for the school - that came out of our meetings. I was the one that put Keith and Dave in touch with each other.

The feedback from the public after that last vote was that they needed to see some sort of design for the site so they had a better idea of what they are voting on. That's what the current representations are for - after showing multiple designs at public meetings this was the image that had very positive response.

It is a visual representation of a look.

What it is not is a document that gets into detail about the energy ideas about the building.

I've found the architects very easy to work with and open to suggestion - a very different situation from the snow bowl lodge situation. They come to every single meeting.

If this letter is sent it very possibly could turn the vote negative and then we'll be left with no new school and a horrendous situation - a failing building that will have to be patched with no replacement. There will not be another vote for a new school for years to come.

My suggestion is that the energy committee people start to attend the middle school design meetings that will happen after a positive vote - when the serious discussions will begin about the actual design and energy designs.

That's the time to contribute and work towards as efficient design as possible.

Please do not send this letter at this time - it could have completely the opposite impact that we're looking for.

If you want to discuss with me further please call me at 207-236-4833.

Marc Ratner



From: **Wyatt McConnell** [wpmccConnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccConnell@gmail.com)  
Subject: Energy committee placated  
Date: June 2, 2017 at 11:44 AM  
To: Maria Libby [Maria.Libby@livelowtowns.net](mailto:Maria.Libby@livelowtowns.net)



In case you are making the mistake of checking your email while away -- this energy committee thing is a non-issue - see Anita's follow up below. Also important to note that they already missed their chance to get a letter into Camden Herald as that deadline has come-and-gone, and Monday is the deadline for Free Press. We will keep an eye on Penbay Pilot and respond immediately if anything is published there.

Wyatt

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Anita Brosius-Scott** <[anita@scottsn.net](mailto:anita@scottsn.net)>

Date: Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 11:18 AM

Subject: CRMS letter

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Cc: Wyatt McConnell <[wpmccConnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccConnell@gmail.com)>

Hello Energizers,

Thanks to all for jumping on this quickly.

After consideration my feeling is that, while the concerns expressed are valid concerns, the timing is very poor to be expressing them, especially prior to full discussions with the parties who have been working on the middle school plans, and without time for full discussion. I apologize for my role in not being present as the plans unfolded this spring, and as the date for the vote moved up (I'm not sure when that decision was made). As you know I was pretty much *in absentia* all spring, being in mother-care mode in Australia etc.

I propose that the letter be adjusted to a change in tone, to express an urgent call for committed work going forward, towards the energy goals we support. After sending this email, I can work on such a draft.

I do believe that additional funding, over that which is proposed, for up-front investment in energy-reducing construction would not be stomached by the majority of voters, in spite of the obvious logic to me that such investment is worth it in the long run. So, delaying the vote, adding measures, and coming forward in November with a more expensive proposal may not be the most "constructive" (figuratively speaking) solution. It is true that voters are being overwhelmed by major school investments (new CRMS + MCST at the same time), plus other ongoing investments and overruns (Snow Bowl).

I recognize that with a vote very soon in the past, there may be issues expressed regarding future proposed changes that appear significantly different, in both design and cost, from what the voters thought they were voting for. However, as Marc suggests, now we need to be present and participating in the design phase; good reasoning presented for any proposed changes may make a variety of changes acceptable. Brian points out that it makes sense to compare the break-even point of investment up front for energy-saving measures, to the energy saved by those measures over time, on an annual basis (annual cost of investment (loan) vs. annual \$ saved). Wyatt points out that additional up-front investments can be paid for through private fund-raising.

Regarding the proposal as presented, I do have significant concerns about energy run costs and proposed building orientation, flat roof choice, demolition of Mary Taylor building rather than exploring private development options (not uncomplicated given public ownership), and the impression I have (not sure how valid) that, besides a more compact facility and updated equipment, energy issues seem to be considered at the window-dressing level and as a luxury and future issue that "can be addressed in the future when the voters want to spend more money," rather than as essential in initial design considerations as bricks and mortar (and windows). I object to being forced to vote before these issues, and particularly the energy-related issues, can be fully explored in public. However I am hugely appreciative of Keith Rose's proposal of wastewater-heat use, and of Keith's deep knowledge and his history of energy-saving and energy-production work at the schools. He is a terrific asset. His proposal provides encouragement that indeed energy issues at the new school will be "energetically" pursued in the design phase. We can plug in proactively to those efforts.

There's a lot to unpack. But on consideration I feel that recommending a no vote at this late date could potentially be counter-productive to our overall goals of energy savings at the middle school.

Our role as a committee, to have an effective voice with the community and with decision-makers, is important but clearly also challenging to effectuate.

*Anita*

Anita Brosius-Scott

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From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Middle school questions  
Date: June 5, 2017 at 3:31 PM  
To: Louis Bettcher lbettcher@villagesoup.com

Since 2014, prior to the first vote, we will have spent approximately \$170,000 in the planning process. Those funds have all gone to OakPoint for contracted services that have been spelled out in a contract.

The district paid \$841 for the lawn signs. The banners were paid for privately. Some people erroneously assume public funds can't be spent to advocate a position on a vote. That is not true in this situation. A school district (its board and employees) can legally advocate for a new school facility as it promotes public education, which is our purpose.

Last thoughts:

We have engaged in a very thorough and transparent process during the past 27 months to determine the best course of action forward. We have repeatedly reached out to the community for input through focus groups, forums, presentations, live stream meetings, mailings, and a high quality website with great information. Our path forward resulted from the extensive community participation in this process. The community indicated clearly that a new facility was the most fiscally responsible option. We will do our best to design an environmentally friendly, neighborhood friendly, financially modest facility that will serve our middle school students and community for decades to come. Thanks for your support and trust in the people who have been involved in this thorough process.

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On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 1:40 PM, Louis Bettcher <[lbettcher@villagesoup.com](mailto:lbettcher@villagesoup.com)> wrote:

Hi Maria,

I'm preparing a final article about the middle school prior to the vote, and I had a couple of questions that have been posed by some readers that I thought might be interesting:

-How much money has been spent in the planning process (e.g. site evaluations, architects, various studies)

-How was the signage (which, by the way I think is very effective) funded?

-Any last thoughts on the project before the vote that you would like me to include in the article?

Thanks a lot,

-Louis

Louis Bettcher

Camden Herald, reporter

236.8511 ext. 129

From: **Wyatt McConnell** [wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)

Subject: Re: middle school facebook feed

Date: June 5, 2017 at 3:26 PM

To: Jaime Stone [jaime.stone@fivetowns.net](mailto:jaime.stone@fivetowns.net)

Cc: Jaime Stone [jaimie.stone@fivetowns.net](mailto:jaimie.stone@fivetowns.net), Maria Libby [Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:Maria.Libby@fivetowns.net), Matthew Smith [matthew.smith@fivetowns.net](mailto:matthew.smith@fivetowns.net), Elizabeth Noble [enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)



Thank you!!

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 3:26 PM, Jaime Stone <[jaime.stone@fivetowns.net](mailto:jaime.stone@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
it's already down as fast as it went up.. it was put up in error..

On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 3:23 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Someone just shared Bob Duke's opposed letter on middle school facebook feed -- can we get that taken down, like, ASAP?

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Jaime Stone  
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From: **Maria Libby** [maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)  
Subject: Re: Camden Select Board minutes regarding MET  
Date: June 5, 2017 at 1:48 PM  
To: **lynda Clancy** [lyndaclancy@penbaypilot.com](mailto:lyndaclancy@penbaypilot.com)  
Cc: **Elizabeth Noble** [enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)

Hi Lynda,

I did have a verbal conversation with Pat Finnegan in the spring after that letter following up regarding the MET building. She indicated to me that there was not interest by the Select Board taking ownership of the building. The reason was cost. The town couldn't afford to take this on. She also noted that if there was interest, I certainly would have heard about it. At that point, I hadn't heard any interest from any party.

The building committee discussed the issue numerous times between March and November, livestream from the Town of Camden. We had one selectboard member on the committee and another graciously operating the livestreaming for us. We were transparent about that decision being left to the School Board if the committee's option didn't incorporate the MET building. In November, the board voted on the committee's recommendation to go with a new building, thus not requiring the MET building. The board recognized that, had it on a public agenda, discussed the options, and then determined to demolish it along with the rest of the building. We have been very transparent about the whole process and at least two of the selectboard were present for many of the discussions. I did several (3?) presentations to the Select Board this school year keeping them updated on our progress. There have been innumerable opportunities for the select board to consider the MET building if they had been interested.

We have had some informal interest expressed by private parties (for an Oz Museum and for private development), but no concrete proposals. The board considered numerous potential options, including those, but determined that it was in the school's best interest to demolish the entire building and salvage what we could from MET. In May, the board indicated its willingness to reconsider options for MET.

Hope that helps,  
Maria

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On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 12:42 PM, lynda Clancy <[lyndaclancy@penbaypilot.com](mailto:lyndaclancy@penbaypilot.com)> wrote:  
Hi Elizabeth and Maria:

Were there any subsequent conversations with the Town of Camden regarding the MET building, aside from this February 2016 meeting, and as recorded in the Camden Select Board minutes?

School Superintendent Maria Libby sent a letter to the Select Board regarding the Mary E Taylor Building (MET). Chairman French read the letter dated January 27, 2016:

"The local school district, MSAD 28, will consider all possible options for the future use of the MET building on its middle school campus as we plan for another project. We recognize that a likely scenario is that we determine it is too expensive to renovate that building and bring it up to code. We understand there may be community interest in preserving the building for historic value, however. Therefore, we wanted to explore whether the town was interested in taking ownership of the building in order to preserve it if the district determines it will not be part of a middle school project. So the question is this: If the district does not intend to continue use of MET as an educational facility, would the town be interested in the school district transferring ownership (and preservation) of the building to the town? We ask out of an appreciation for potential community interest in preserving the building. Knowing whether the town ownership is a viable option to consider as we move forward will be important in our planning process. Thank you for your consideration, Maria Libby."



Martin Cates said that Board should thank the School Superintendent for the letter and set aside consideration for now. He said consideration was premature because the land the MET building is on might be important to the project and the School Board and the Building Committee should be unfettered in their planning process.

Jim Heard concurred that it was premature to weigh in since he hoped the Building Committee would be taking a fresh look at the Middle School and what was needed.

Don White said there were issues to be considered, such as if the Town did want the building would the uses conflict with the school's needs. He said he hoped the Building Committee should come forward with a preliminary plan, and if MET is not needed the Select Board could consider it then.

Leonard Lookner said he hoped the School Board would reexamine the whole project. He also wondered where the administrative offices, the adult education and Zenith programs would go, since the previous plan located them in the MET building.

John French said he appreciated that the Superintendent sent the letter early in the process as a courtesy to the Select Board. He said he has spoken with School Board members and they are looking at all options regarding the plan for the Middle School, and the MET building may or may not be part of the plan.

He said if the School Board decides that the MET building should not be part of the plan they are giving the Select Board a chance to think about it in advance. He suggested that the Board thank the School Superintendent and the School Board for the letter and ask the School Board to keep the Select Board informed as the planning process continues.

Thanks,

-- Lynda

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Subject: presentation for Camden Rotary  
Date: June 6, 2017 at 9:43 AM  
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From: **William Gartley** [wgartley@gartleydorsky.com](mailto:wgartley@gartleydorsky.com)  
Subject: RE: Middle Matters  
Date: June 6, 2017 at 3:27 PM  
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All set - Thanks

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**From:** Maria Libby [<mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net>]  
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**Cc:** Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)>; William Gartley <[WGartley@GartleyDorsky.com](mailto:WGartley@GartleyDorsky.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Middle Matters

Will,  
Hopefully the emails in this chain answered your questions. If not, give me a call at 230-4007.  
  
Thanks,  
Maria

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On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 2:08 PM, Elizabeth Noble <[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)> wrote:

Unrelated - I just spoke with Joyce - she has relinquished ownership of the sign. She was told she owned it and that was that. She's totally fine with it not being on her property. It is Ann's/town of Camden's. Colin is putting it back up now.

On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 1:34 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:



Robin McIntosh just submitted a letter to Penbay Pilot that included the text below -- I think as long as we get out a letter making clear that MET is separate and still up for discussion its going to be hard for this issue to gain traction as a reason to vote no if those folks weren't already leaning no...Robin and Alison McKellar came out in favor of bond despite reservations re: MET. The Jestin Marchants were never going to vote yes for this, They've just chosen MET and maintenance as the things to project all their negativity onto. Robin's letter:

"First, let me say that I fully support the building of a new Middle School and plan to vote for it, and I appreciate that we are having the opportunity to once again look at the possibility of saving the MET as the School Board moves forward with their planning.

I realize that there was some discussion about saving the MET around the time of the last Middle School vote, but I don't believe that there was a serious conversation at the town level about what options might exist if it were to be accepted. We need to have that discussion.

I further realize that this conversation is building later than people planning the project would like, and I fully understand that. But there needs to be a good faith conversation about saving it. There would be costs involved, but I believe there could be possibilities of public/private partnerships and tax credits that could make it financially feasible.

I hope that we can pool our collective wisdom to find creative uses for the building that would be beneficial to Camden and the region. I would hate to see us throw away the embodied energy and potential of this building, sending it to a landfill somewhere. Maybe it won't work out in the end, but let's at least try before we give up on it."

On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 11:32 AM, William Gartley <[WGartley@gartleydorsky.com](mailto:WGartley@gartleydorsky.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Maria,

I wanted to let you know that I received a phone call from Owen Casas concerned about the status of MET, and worried that a vote for the new middle school is also a vote to tear down MET. I told him that I don't believe that is necessarily true, but I wanted to confirm with you. He indicated the warrant reads that way. I am definitely frustrated by all this last minute concern for MET. Let me know your thoughts, I am wondering if there is a way to clarify this for the people that are concerned.

I also got a call from Candy Hutchinson, property manager for Joyce Moore who owns the property across from Hannaford. She said that they do not allow political signs, and that permission was not granted for the banners so they were taken down, rolled up and left there on the ground.

Will

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I will ask him.

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On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 10:18 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Any chance we can get Matt Dailey down to the Farmer's Market table on Saturday morning?

On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 9:48 PM, Elizabeth Noble <[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hey

so I'm sending out the following with the attached cheat sheet to individuals asking them to post on FB to counter the negative comments. Anyone you can reach out to?

Can you please please enter the awful world of FB comments to make some positive comments on the posts in Middle Matters. The negative comments are getting overwhelming. We need help!!! I've attached a cheat sheet. Let me know if you have any questions - happy to help!

From: **Maria Libby** maria.libby@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Letter  
Date: June 6, 2017 at 11:36 PM  
To: Wyatt McConnell wpmccconnell@gmail.com  
Cc: Elizabeth Noble enoble@gmail.com

Busy day (graduation week and all...)  
Was just working on it.  
I edited only very slightly and added the last paragraph. What do you think?

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On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 11:20 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmccconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:

Maria -- have you given consideration to the draft letter? Would be good to get it out sooner than later at this point. Thank you!

Wyatt

On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 1:49 PM, Elizabeth Noble <[enoble@gmail.com](mailto:enoble@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Maria,

I've attached the letter that Wyatt and I put together for the Penbay Pilot. The sooner we can get it out there the better.

Stuart was right about MET - it has become a divisive issue. I hope that we can keep it from tipping the apple cart.

Also the way the bond is written is terrible - I'm not sure what the process is for that but it really seems like voting yes is voting to tear down the MET.



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From: **Matthew Smith** matthew.smith@fivetowns.net  
Subject: Re: Table at Farmers Market Saturday  
Date: June 7, 2017 at 9:04 AM  
To: Wyatt McConnell wpmcconnell@gmail.com  
Cc: Maria Libby maria.libby@fivetowns.net

Yes, Jasmine was one of the people on the tour who did not trust that MET will get a fair conversation at the board meeting. I wonder if there is benefit to writing something in Pen Bay Pilot to reassure folks that the board have legitimately placed this back on the agenda and that through them or the town, the future of MET will receive good attention?

On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 9:18 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Sorry - will drop them off at Farmers market and help set up.

On Jun 6, 2017 9:17 PM, "Maria Libby" <[maria.libby@fivetowns.net](mailto:maria.libby@fivetowns.net)> wrote:  
Yes I am. Where do I pick up the set up?

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On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 9:05 PM, Wyatt McConnell <[wpmcconnell@gmail.com](mailto:wpmcconnell@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Just confirming you are both still on board. I have mentioned that Maria will be there in a Facebook thread where Jasmine Pike was questioning the legitimacy of the June 15 agenda having MET.