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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Monday, November 9, 2015**  
**Wayland High School**  
**Field House**

### Proposed Agenda

*Note: Items may not be discussed in the order listed or at the specific time estimated. Times are approximate. The meeting likely will be broadcast and videotaped for later broadcast by WayCAM.*

- 6:30 pm 1.) Call to Order by Chair  
• Announcements; Review Agenda for the Public
- 6:32 pm 2.) Public Comment
- 6:40 pm 3.) Consent Calendar
- 6:45 pm 4.) Discussion and Potential Vote on Positions on Articles and Discussion of Issues Relative to 2015 Special Town Meeting, including  
A. Article 2: Current Year Transfer  
B. Article 11: Amendment to Minuteman Regional Agreement
- 7:14 pm 5.) Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting, If Any
- 7:15 pm 6.) Adjourn and Reconvene to Join 2015 Special Town Meeting

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Vote the Question of Approving and Signing the Weekly Payroll and Expense Warrants
2. Vote the Question of Approving the Invoice for Town Counsel Mark J. Lanza for Services through October 31, 2015: \$10,226.53
3. Vote the Question of Approving the Invoice of Kopelman and Paige, PC, for Services Through September 30, 2015, Statement No. 105910: \$396.00
4. Vote the Question of Approving the Placement of Temporary Sandwich Board Signs for Troop 1 Boy Scouts Annual Tree and Wreath Fundraiser at the Intersection of Old Connecticut Path and Route 27 (Five Paths), and at Town Center (corner of Routes 20 and 27), from November 21-30, 2015

**(3) CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Mark J. Lanza**  
**Attorney at Law**  
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INVOICE - TOWN OF WAYLAND - 10/31/2015

SUMMARY

FEE CALCULATION: 63.0 HOURS X \$160.00 PER HOUR =	\$10,080.00
DISBURSEMENTS (See below for detail)	146.53
TOTAL 9/30/15 INVOICE.....	<u>\$10,226.53</u>
AMOUNT PAYABLE FROM GENERAL FUND LEGAL BUDGET.....	<u>\$10,226.53</u>
AMOUNT PAYABLE FROM GENERAL FUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACC'T .....	<u>0.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

10/2015	Long Dist. Tel. Charges (Detail on File)	9.88
10/2015	Postage	14.65
10/2015	FAXing (978) 369-9916 & (978) 261-5034	0.00
10/2015	Copying	7.50
10/2015	Mobile Phone Charges	6.50
10/13/15	Mileage: 46 @ \$.50 =	23.00
10/13/15	Tolls	5.00
10/13/15	Parking	5.00
10/13/15	Recording Fee - Mid. S. ROD	75.00
	Total Disbursements	<u>\$146.53</u>

**KOPELMAN AND PAIGE, P.C.**

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STATEMENT NO. 105910

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WAYLAND TOWN HALL  
41 COCHITUATE ROAD  
WAYLAND, MA 01778

IN REFERENCE TO: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH      SEPTEMBER 30, 2015  
OCTOBER 27, 2015

TOTAL FEES:	396.00
TOTAL COSTS:	<u>0.00</u>
BALANCE DUE:	<u>396.00</u>

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Board of Selectmen  
Town of Wayland

## DiNapoli, MaryAnn

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**From:** John Broderick <jhblb@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 02, 2015 9:16 PM  
**To:** DiNapoli, MaryAnn  
**Subject:** Troop 1 sign placement

Hello Ms. DiNapoli,

Troop 1 would appreciate the Town's permission to place sandwich boards at the intersection of Old Conn. Path and Cochituate Road (Five Paths). Also, at the Town Ctr., across from the Public Safety Bldg. The start date: Nov. 21-30th. This is in regard to our annual Tree and Wreath fundraiser.

Thank you--John Broderick (ASM Troop 1 Coch.)

MOVER: NANCY FUNKHOUSER

MOTION – STM – NOVEMBER 9, 2015

**ARTICLE 1: PAY PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR UNPAID BILLS**

I move you, sir:

MOVED: that the Town pay the bills of Fiscal Year 2015 listed on page 5 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting under the heading of “Fiscal 2015 liabilities to be paid using Fiscal Year 2016 appropriations;” the Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation for Unclassified be used to pay the bill so listed as 1); and the Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation for the Water Enterprise Fund be used to pay the bill so listed as 2); and the Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation for Town Counsel be used to pay the bill so listed as 3). ~~for Unemployment—Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$4,920, and for Seton Company in the amount of \$129, and for Eppley Court Reporting LLC in the amount of \$259, and that the Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation for said expense be used to pay said bills.~~

MOVER: NANCY FUNKHOUSER

MOTION – STM – NOVEMBER 9, 2015

ARTICLE 2: CURRENT YEAR TRANSFERS

I move you, sir:

MOVED: that the following sums be appropriated to be expended by the following boards and committees in Fiscal Year 2016 for the following purposes:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Board or Committee</u>
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	\$ 346,725	Board of Public Works
TOWN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	<del>\$70,000</del> <u>\$140,000</u>	Board of Selectmen
TOTAL CURRENT YEAR TRANSFERS	<del>\$416,725;</del> <u>\$486,725;</u>	

and that said appropriations for the Water Enterprise Fund be provided by transferring \$346,725 from Fiscal Year 2016 Water Enterprise Revenues; and said appropriation for Town Information Technology be provided by transferring ~~\$70,000~~ \$140,000 from the General Fund – Unreserved Fund Balance.

MOVER: MARY ANTES

MOTION – STM – NOVEMBER 9, 2015

**ARTICLE 3: ACQUIRE MUNICIPAL PARCEL IN TOWN CENTER**

I move you, sir:

MOVED: That the Town:

- a.) authorize the Board of Selectmen, with approval of Town Counsel as to form, to lease, as lessee, or acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, for municipal purposes, the fee ~~in or any lesser interest in all or any part of~~ the parcels of land and the building and other structures thereon located on and off Boston Post Road (Route 20) Andrew Avenue and Lillian Drive in Wayland, Massachusetts shown as Lot 4-1, Parcel R-20-1, Lot 8-1, and Lot 9-1B, on a plan entitled “Plan of land Wayland, Massachusetts Showing Proposed Municipal Parcels” dated July 21, 2015 prepared by the Wayland Town Surveyor and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 616 of 2015, subject to such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem acceptable to minimize the Town’s liability for preexisting hazardous waste, hazardous materials or contaminants on or in the soil or groundwater of said parcels of land or in said building or other structures, which terms and conditions may include indemnification of the Town for preexisting environmental conditions, additional environmental testing, and the purchase of environmental contamination and pollution insurance for the Town, and, to the extent required by law, remediation of preexisting environmental conditions at no cost to the Town;



**ARTICLE 3**

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- b.) appropriate \$1.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the acquisition or lease of said parcels of land and structures; and
- c.) that said appropriation shall be provided by transferring \$1.00 from the General Fund – Unreserved Fund Balance.

*MOVER: ELLEN GRIECO*

**MOTION – STM – NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

**ARTICLE 5: ACCEPTANCE OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS  
CHAPTER 71, SECTION 71E**

I move you, sir:

**MOVED:** that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 71E, to permit the establishment and maintenance of revolving funds as authorized by said section.

*MOVER: AIDA GENNIS*

**MOTION – STM – NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

**ARTICLE 6: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR LIBRARY PLANNING  
AND DESIGN**

I move you, sir:

**MOVED:** that the Town appropriate \$150,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees for a study in accordance with the guidelines of the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program to examine the feasibility of (a) expanding and renovating the current library building and of (b) building a new library on a different site; and that said appropriation be provided by transferring \$150,000 from the General Fund – Unreserved Fund Balance.

*MOVER: GRETCHEN SCHULER*

**MOTION – STM – NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

**ARTICLE 7: APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO UPDATE THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN**

I move you, sir:

**MOVED:** that the Town appropriate \$30,000 to update the 1995 Open Space and Recreation Plan; and provide for said appropriation by transferring \$30,000 from funds in the Community Preservation Fund reserved for open space to be spent by the Conservation Commission.

*MOVER: BRUD WRIGHT*

**MOTION – STM – NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

**ARTICLE 8: SEEK SPECIAL LEGISLATION FOR MASSACHUSETTS  
GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53 E ½  
MUNICIPAL REVOLVING FUND**

I move you, sir:

**MOVED:** that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act to increase the allowable annual expenditure limit on the Recreation Department's Revolving Fund established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ from 1% to 5% of the amount raised by taxation by the Town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified by the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue.

*MOVER: NANCY FUNKHOUSER*

**MOTION – STM – NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

**ARTICLE 9: AMEND FY2016 BUDGET FUNDING SOURCES**

I move you, sir:

**MOVED:** that the Town amend its vote under Article 5 of the Warrant for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting relative to the Fiscal Year 2016 Omnibus Operating Budget by decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation by \$2,000,000 and increasing the amount to be transferred from the unreserved fund balance of the General Fund by \$2,000,000, without making any changes to the amounts appropriated under said Article.

*MOVER: ELLEN TOHN*

**MOTION – STM – NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

**ARTICLE 10: AUTHORIZE PROCUREMENT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ENERGY RESILIENCY PROJECT AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

I move you, sir:

**MOVED:** that the Town appropriate \$29,403 to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator for the purpose of providing at 10% match to a \$294,030 energy resiliency grant awarded by the Department of Energy Resources to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council on behalf of the Town in December, 2014; and that said appropriation be provided by transferring \$29,403 from the General Fund – Unreserved Fund Balance.

*MOVER: TONY BOSCHETTO*

**MOTION – STM – NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

**ARTICLE 11: AMENDMENT TO MINUTEMAN REGIONAL AGREEMENT**

I move you, sir:

**MOVED:** that the Town accept and approve the “Amendment to Minuteman Regional Agreement regarding the Withdrawal of the Town of Wayland from the Minuteman Regional School District” which was approved by the Minuteman Regional School Committee on July 7, 2015, and which has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen consistent with the current Minuteman Regional Agreement reserving all of the Town’s rights regarding withdrawal from said Regional School District.



*MOVER: GRETCHEN SCHULER*

**MOTION – STM – NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

**ARTICLE 12: RESOLUTION REGARDING SURFACE OF RAIL-TRAIL IN WAYLAND**

I move you, sir:

**MOVED:** that the Town adopt a resolution clarifying that the sum of money not exceeding \$445,000 appropriated under Article 24 of the Warrant for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting may be used to construct a hard surface of asphalt or a stabilized surface on the rail-trail along the old Massachusetts Central Railroad line in Wayland.

By **Al Gentile**  
agentile@wickedlocal.com

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November 04, 2015 2:22PM

## Lexington Town Meeting first to decide on Wayland's request to leave Minuteman district

Special Town Meeting rejected Wayland's request to leave the Minuteman Regional High School District on Monday, Nov. 2.

The vote was 129 to 25, with three abstentions.

"It is very rare I come to Town Meeting for a no vote," said Ed Bouquillon, superintendent of the Minuteman Regional Technical High School. "It [this vote] ends this process that will end some of this distraction."

The Minuteman School District Regional Agreement, which governs the 16-member towns and their roles in the district, requires each member town approve an amendment to the district agreement at Town Meeting in order for the amendment to take effect. Lexington was the first of the member towns to consider the request.

Wayland did not send any representatives to Lexington's special Town Meeting.

### ***Read about other actions taken at Town Meeting.***

Wayland's Town Meeting voted to request the amendment to the regional agreement that would allow the town to leave the district in the spring. The district also includes Arlington, Acton, Belmont, Boxborough, Bolton, Stow, Lancaster, Lincoln, Concord, Carlisle, Dover, Sudbury, Weston and Needham.

Bouquillon explained that regardless of Lexington Town Meeting's stance on the issue, Wayland would be responsible for its share of the capital costs associated the proposed \$144.9 million school building if the building is approved in a vote expected to occur 2016. In previous statements, Wayland's main concern is being held responsible for capital costs for a school to which they only send a few students a year.

Selectman Norm Cohen said in 2014 [Wayland was the sole town](#) to reject an amendment to the district rules that would have made leaving the district easier.

"Ironically, the Town of Wayland voted it down," Cohen said.

Wayland's annual capital costs are approximately \$37,500. If the regional agreement was amended, this cost would be split between the remaining 15 member towns based on student enrollment, as would the towns' share of the operating costs.

Several Town Meeting members, including Precinct 6 Town Meeting member Jane Pagett, of Oakmount Circle, believed keeping Wayland in the district would be detrimental to the unity of Minuteman.

"I do not think you get good participation from people who are not willing to be there," Pagett told the Minuteman after the meeting.

Pagett said she would be in favor of making it easier to allow member towns to leave the district. She said there has been a "lot of trouble governing that school" because she sees many problems with the regional agreement.

"The aims and the goals were very different from one town to another," Pagett said. "My view is this district is a wrongly constructed district."

Several members worried allowing Wayland to leave would spur other districts to back out of the agreement.

"My prediction is Weston and Sudbury will want out," Pagett said. "I do not believe we can force any town against their will."

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## DiNapoli, MaryAnn

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**From:** Balmer, Nan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 9:09 AM  
**To:** DiNapoli, MaryAnn  
**Subject:** FW: Update re Lexington's Town Meeting Vote

correspondence

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**From:** Mary Ellen Castagno [mailto:mecastagno@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 9:08 AM  
**To:** Tony Boschetto; Balmer, Nan; Lea Anderson  
**Cc:** mecastagno@aol.com; Karlson, Cherry  
**Subject:** Fwd: Update re Lexington's Town Meeting Vote

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Rozan, Elizabeth" <[e.rozan@minuteman.org](mailto:e.rozan@minuteman.org)>  
**Date:** November 4, 2015 at 8:51:29 AM EST  
**To:** "Rozan, Elizabeth" <[e.rozan@minuteman.org](mailto:e.rozan@minuteman.org)>  
**Subject:** Update re Lexington's Town Meeting Vote

Sent to Minuteman School Committee on behalf of Ed Bouquillon:

As you know, the Minuteman School Committee asked area Boards of Selectmen in July to include in their next Town Meeting warrant an article that would amend the Regional Agreement and set forth the terms by which the Town of Wayland might withdraw from the Minuteman Regional School District. We advised the towns that the proposed amendment, and Wayland's withdrawal from the District, would only take effect if the town meetings of all 16 of the District's member towns, as well as the Commissioner of Education, approved the amendment.

This week, the Town of Lexington was the first member town to consider the proposed amendment. At its Town Meeting on Monday, November 2, Lexington voted to reject the proposed amendment by a vote of 129-25, with 3 abstentions.

This is an unusual situation. Based on the advice of legal counsel, I am advising the selectmen and other town officials who contact me to proceed to have their Town Meetings take votes on the proposed Amendment. I recommend that you do likewise. In a letter from David Horton, the secretary of the School Committee, we are also officially informing the towns that Lexington's vote does not change the Regional School Committee's original request.

Since several of your towns will be holding Town Meetings in the coming weeks – and you might get questioned on this subject by members of your town Finance Committee or Board of Selectmen – I wanted to be sure to share this information with you as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Ed

**Edward A. Bouquillon, PhD**  
**Superintendent-Director**  
**Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators ~ Past President 2014-15**

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November 4, 2015

Cherry Karlson, Chair  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Wayland  
41 Cochituate Rd.  
Wayland, MA 01778

Dear Chair Karlson:

By letter dated July 16, 2015, the Minuteman Regional School Committee requested that your Board include in the warrant for your town's next annual or special Town Meeting an article calling for the acceptance of an amendment setting forth the terms by which the Town of Wayland may withdraw from the Minuteman Regional School District. At that time, I advised you that the proposed amendment, and Wayland's withdrawal from the District, would only take effect if the town meetings of all sixteen of the District's member towns, as well as the Commissioner of Education, approved the amendment.

This letter is to let you know that the Town of Lexington was the first member town to consider the proposed amendment, and at its Town Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015, voted to reject the proposed amendment by a vote of 129-25. Lexington's vote does not change the Regional School Committee's request made to your Board under Section IX of the Regional Agreement, as detailed in my July 16, 2015 letter, but we wanted to make you aware of the result of Lexington's vote.

Please feel free to contact Superintendent Edward Bouquillon if you or your Board have any questions or would like any further information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

David Horton, Secretary  
Minuteman School Committee

cc: Nan Balmer, Town Administrator

# SAVE THE DATE

## Monday, November 16, 2015

**Who's Invited:** Town officials from Minuteman's 16 member towns: Acton, Arlington, Belmont, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington, Lincoln, Needham, Stow, Sudbury, Wayland, and Weston.

**What:** Breakfast hosted by Minuteman Superintendent Dr. Edward A. Bouquillon

**When:** Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. (breakfast) followed by a speaking program and discussion starting at 7:45 a.m.

**Where:** Paul Revere Room, Minuteman High School, 758 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02421

**Why:** Minuteman High School is currently designing a new, smaller school to replace its aging existing facility that needs more than \$100 million in repairs. The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Board of Directors, led by State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, unanimously endorsed the project in August and moved it into the schematic design phase. MSBA has committed 40% reimbursement of eligible project costs. Minuteman is actively working to cut costs and increase project revenue.

Superintendent Bouquillon would like to meet with town officials to update them on the project, outline the options for securing local approval allowed under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71 §§ 16(d) and 16(n), and solicit comments on the advantages and disadvantages of the two options.

**RSVP:** Jackie Maglio, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Bouquillon, [j.maglio@minuteman.org](mailto:j.maglio@minuteman.org) or (781) 861-6500, ext. 7291.



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## Selectmen from member towns probe options for Minuteman project

*by Nancy Pierce*

Just as Minuteman Vocational High School's leaders expect to vote on a final design and approve borrowing to construct a new school, selectmen from the 16 district towns are being asked to support an unusual procedure that could be "a path to get the school built." Vince Amoroso, chair of the Boxborough Board of Selectmen, described his idea at an October 28 Weston meeting of Selectmen and town administrators from nearly all the towns in the Minuteman district. (No representatives were present from Acton or Carlisle, which had a Selectmen's meeting that evening.)

The proposal seeks to tightly link votes to fund construction and to permit member town withdrawals, along with resurrecting the revision to the regional agreement proposed last year. That revision has since been declared "dead" by the school administration, because as presented in 2014 it lacked the support required for passage.

However, it may be challenging to implement a new proposal in time, given the schedule the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has set for the building project. Minuteman is currently preparing schematic designs for a new \$144.9 million facility to serve a target enrollment of 628 students. The MSBA Board of Directors is to vote on the project in January, 2016, and if the project wins MSBA support the member towns must decide whether or not to fund construction by the end of June.

Under the protocol Amoroso outlined, each member Town Meeting would simultaneously approve the amended regional agreement proposed in 2014, and bonding for a new school building, and the withdrawal of towns that have declared their desire to do so. The towns that last year were so reluctant to consider the agreement would now have an incentive to approve it, because they would be assured they would be allowed to leave the regional school district. Also, towns that stay in the district would know the “worst case scenario” about how many students would be lost after the withdrawals, Amoroso added later.

According to the proposal, towns that will have an article on their 2016 Warrant to approve withdrawal from the Minuteman regional district would notify the Minuteman School Committee by a particular date. The school committee would then draft an amended regional agreement. This amendment would include all the changes proposed and not adopted in 2014.

The amendment would also list the towns that hope to withdraw in a new “Initial procedure for withdrawal” section and “stipulate” that any member town vote for the revision of the agreement would also “constitute approval by that member town” of the town(s) that wish to withdraw. Further, by approving the amended agreement, the Commissioner of Education would also approve the withdrawal of the towns named. Towns that withdraw through this process would avoid paying debt service for the building project, but would still be responsible for debt incurred before its vote to withdraw.

#### **Yes and no**

Selectmen from Arlington, Sudbury, and Lincoln said their boards would consider this idea. (Lincoln Selectman Peter Braun said that other towns should be allowed to leave the district, but that Lincoln would not think of withdrawing because the new school building will be sited there.) Lancaster Town Administrator Ryan McNutt objected to letting other towns withdraw, because Lancaster’s debt costs for the new building would rise.

Dan Matthews of Needham was a member of the subcommittee that spent several years drafting the proposed changes. If the dissenting towns now want to try again to revise the agreement as they like, he urged them to petition the MSBA to stop the building project process for a year, to give them a chance to do so.

Doug Gillespie, who is both a Weston Selectman and member of the Minuteman School Committee, also noted that some of the smaller towns that wanted to remain in the district have objected to their higher debt costs under the 2014 revisions.

#### **Several towns oppose district ballot**

In June the Minuteman School Committee first discussed whether to skip the traditional Town Meeting path to approve debt by calling a district-wide election, as permitted by state law (“Minuteman High may bypass Town Meetings for building project,” June 24.) Such a move, Amoroso said, would “exacerbate the feelings of alienation” from the district in some of the towns. Braun agreed. To bypass the towns’ “local process,” where committees study and vet proposals and advise Town Meeting on decisions, would be a “slap in the face,” and would jeopardize the future stability and good will of the district, he said.

Selectmen from six towns said that their boards oppose such an election. If the School Committee members from those towns—Lincoln, Boxborough, Belmont, Sudbury, Wayland, Arlington—were to vote as their Selectmen wish, the proposal would not get the needed 2/3 majority vote. (In July, Carlisle’s Selectmen also voted to request that Carlisle’s Minuteman School Committee representative, Judith Taylor, vote to oppose a district-wide ballot, but Carlisle was not counted as among the six in opposition.)

#### **Help from the state?**



Selectmen also debated whether and how to seek help from the legislature. Minuteman leaders pushed for years for a bill that would increase the proportion of building costs the Massachusetts School Building Authority would reimburse to vocational and technical schools, with no success. Both Rep. Cory Atkins and Senator Mike Barrett, representing Concord (and Carlisle and other district towns) also have non-member “sending” communities in their districts, and have discouraged seeking “handouts” from the state, Concord Selectman Carmin Reiss told the group. Arlington’s Dunn was less pessimistic, saying the towns must act unanimously, and that Arlington’s Senator Ken Donnelly had been “slightly more positive.”

The rationale cited for seeking such legislative support would be the MSBA mandate that a new building must have a capacity of at least 600. If in-district enrollment does not grow by 25% over the next few years, almost four of ten students would come from non-member towns. Town leaders worry that promised capital cost sharing fees




will not be paid, meaning that district member towns would end up paying for a building far larger than their own children need.

The school could ask for some sort of guarantee, several suggested. With such a high proportion of out-of-district students, funding space for them “should be the state’s responsibility,” Sudbury Selectman Pat Brown said. The school could ask for a “state guarantee to make up the difference” or a contingency fund, if there are empty seats in the school, Gillespie and Matthews suggested. Others were skeptical, because any subsidies would be subject to appropriation and thus unpredictable over time. Δ

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