

## Groton 2020 School Construction Program Status 7/26/17

The Town is awaiting the State Budget to be passed before receives approval for the school projects. The lynch pin for the program is construction of the new consolidated middle school. This school is given the priority as it must be completed prior vacating the existing middle schools and major work being done to convert them to elementary schools.

To support planning of the program and expediting the program plan, the Town hired Arcadis USA, Inc in May 2017 to assist the Public Works Department by acting as the Owner's Representative for the program. Arcadis will provide expertise and support throughout the program. To date they have assisted in developing and publishing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architects for the new middle school. Thirteen (13) responses were received to this RFQ and a selection committee met and reduced this number to 5 finalists. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to the five finalists and interviews scheduled for 7-8 August. Selection is scheduled to occur shortly thereafter.

Preparation of RFQs for the Construction Manager, for the middle school, and Licensed Environmental Professional, for all projects, are in process and they are expected to be advertised shortly. The goal is to have all members of the design team on hand and working cooperatively to ensure budgets and schedules meet the Town's need of having the new middle school completed and occupied by the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Additionally, a document delineating the Roles and Responsibilities for all of those involved in the three projects has been drafted and is under review. A Project Management Plan is also in preparation.

Once the State budget is approved we will know which of our projects are approved. If all three projects are approved, an RFQ for Architects for the conversion of the middle schools will be prepared and advertised. If approved, the timing of the work on the conversion is critical as some work must start within two years of project approval by the Legislature. Potentially some work would need to be scheduled to be done during the summers at the existing middle schools prior to the new school being completed.