



Groton 2020 School Construction Program Status (6) 5/1/18

This update will provide information regarding the status of the school projects and what actions have taken place over the past several months. The Town has received \$508,289 in State reimbursements for work on the middle school and \$192,668 for the elementary schools.

Circumstances surrounding the conversion of the Merritt Property to allow construction of the middle school there have caused a delay in completing the design. The Town Manager, Council, and Town Attorney are actively working to resolve this issue. As a consequence, the overall project schedule is under review and the options to deliver the three projects at the least cost and time to support the envisioned educational programs are being evaluated. Emphasis has shifted to the elementary school projects during this period of uncertainty.

- The SLAM Collaborative (SLAM) has completed the Schematic Design for the middle school. They worked closely with Groton Public Schools (GPS) staff and Town staff to ensure the design delivered the program outlined in the Educational Specifications and that the building square footage allowed by the Office of School Construction Grants and Review (OSCGR). GPS provided great support for the timely completion of this process.
- To finalize the Design Team for the middle school, the Construction Manager at Risk (CMR), O&G Industries, was hired in January of 2018. O&G is working with SLAM to complete the Schematic Design Cost Estimate for the middle school construction.

The work on the elementary schools will soon begin in earnest.

- The Architect has been selected and the contract is about to be signed by the Director of Public Works. The architect's first critical task will be to develop costs for renovation and new construction at the Cutler and West Side sites that meet the educational specifications. This information will be presented to OSCGR and the Town will be informed how to proceed.
- Qualifications for the Construction Manager candidates have been reviewed and a short list of the best candidates developed. A Request for Proposal will be sent to each of the candidates and selection is expected to be completed within the next month.

Work related to all projects includes:

- Selection of Licensed Environmental Professionals (LEP) has been completed and agreements are expected to be signed within the week. The first task assigned will be review of the Phase I Environmental Site Assessments and to make recommendations for further work that may be required. The LEPs will then evaluate hazardous substances that may be in the existing middle schools.
- Commissioning Agent(s) have been selected for the projects and agreements will follow shortly. These are last consultants to be hired for the project will complete the school design and construction teams.
- The PSBC continues with their project oversight efforts and review of designs as they become available from the Architect.