

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
Groton 2020 School Construction Program Status (3) 10/3/17

The Town continues to wait for the State Budget to be passed in anticipation of receiving funding approval for the school projects. Project efforts have been continuing, with the Town's Program Manager (Arcadis), for the consolidated middle school and once funding is available hire the Architect. The following describes the items and issues being addressed for the consolidated middle school:

- Although an Architectural firm was initially selected to design the middle school, additional due diligence has been required prior to awarding a contract. This was due to the state budget slippage and a review of the two finalist firm's capacity to deliver the project on time. An updated proposal was requested and received from the candidates and will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. Once the Committee reconvenes and the proposals are fully evaluated, a final selection will be made and a contract awarded by the Public Works Department. The Professional Services Agreement is under preparation and a contract is expected to be signed by the Director of Public Works once the state has funded the projects.
- Eight responses to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Construction Manager at Risk (CM-R) were received. The Selection Committee reviewed the Statements of Qualification and met on September 12. Four finalists were chosen as required by the State and a Request for Proposal was sent to the four finalists. Proposals by the finalists will be received on October 6, and interviews are scheduled for October 12 and 13. The process will be the same as required for the selection of the Architect.
- The Arcadis Program Manager Office has been established in the Public Works Department. Once a cable connection is completed, the office will be fully functional and manned as required by the Arcadis Program Managers.
- The Planning Department has answered numerous questions for the State Attorney General's office and is still awaiting final determination regarding the Conservation Easement for the property to replace the Merritt property as a recreational asset. After the Conservation Easement is filed in land records, the state will release any restriction for the use of the Merritt property for school construction.
- Preparation of the RFQ/RFP for a Licensed Environmental Professional, for all three projects, is still in process and release has been delayed due to budgetary considerations.
- Public Works is working with the Town IT Department to reorganize information on the Town website regarding the Groton 2020 school projects. Although the pre-referendum information will still be available, more current project information will be brought to the forefront.

The Department, with the assistance of Arcadis, is working to position the project such that once project funding approval is received from the State; the department will be able to proceed on the funded projects with little or no delay.