

ARLINGTON TOWN MEETING . . . MOTION

ARTICLE NO. 52: APPROPRIATION/SCHOOL FACILITIES WORKING GROUP

I, Ronald Spangler, do hereby submit the following Amendment to the vote of the Finance Committee under Article 52:

DELETE:

- (4) That this plan be reviewed each year from feedback from the MSBA and other sources.**

AND REPLACE WITH:

- (4) That the School Facilities Working Group shall continue to discharge fully and completely its duties, as laid out in the unanimous vote of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting under its Article 65, including, but not limited to, revising plans and reporting to the Thompson and Stratton communities, and to Town Meeting, annually until construction has commenced on the seventh elementary school.**

It is further voted that the School Facilities Working Group's membership shall be redefined as: the Superintendent, the Town Treasurer, the Town Manager or his/her designee, the Director of Planning or his/her designee, the chair of the Permanent Town Building Committee or his/her designee, the chair of the School Committee or his/her designee, the chair of the Board of Selectmen or his/her designee, the chair of the Finance Committee or his/her designee, the chair of the Capital Planning Committee or his/her designee, and Town Meeting Members representing the Thompson and Stratton school districts (said Town Meeting Members to be appointed by the Moderator).

Respectfully submitted:

Ronald Spangler, TMM Pct. 15

Please note: Explanatory remarks, and FinComm vote as amended, on reverse.

This is a housekeeping amendment. There is some confusion about current membership of SFWG, that membership having been defined by no fewer than three Town Meeting votes over the past 14 years. Given that SFWG could be in operation for many years to come, it seems appropriate to tighten up the membership and eliminate any confusion. This amendment is also intended to remind all involved that Town Meeting voted last year to instruct SFWG to keep working until construction on the last school has begun.

The FinComm vote, as amended, would be:

VOTED: That the Town Meeting supports the prime recommendation of the School Facilities Working Group which includes the following actions:

- (1) Letters of interest for the Thompson and Stratton Elementary Schools be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) prior to June 30, 2007,**
- (2) That since it is likely that it will be 3 to 5 years until the MSBA provides funding for the Thompson School that such amounts of monies be spent on the school to ensure that the facility meets the basic needs of the students and faculty using the facility. This includes \$120,000 in the Capital Budget for fiscal 2008,**
- (3) That since it is likely that it will be 15 to 20 years until the MSBA provides funding for the Stratton School that the Town appropriate approximately \$150,000 per year over the next 10 years in the Capital Budget to upgrade the facility over that period.**
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