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STONEHAM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE VIEWS TWO OPTIONS FOR FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL

Stoneham, MA – The Stoneham School Building Committee (SSBC) continues to refine its understanding of the five options for the future high school project in anticipation of submitting a singular choice to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) in late December.

On Monday evening, November 9, the Committee heard from architects Perkins & Will, who provided specifics of design options 2A (Renovation Only) and 4A (New Construction). The Committee will hear about final design option 4B at its November 23rd meeting, after which the members would begin to deliberate on which option is best suited to Stoneham's needs in anticipation of submitting the Preferred Schematic Report to the MSBA in late December.

The Committee also heard that as of Monday night's meeting, over 150 community survey responses had been received; and following the survey's closure on November 12th members will hear the results of that survey at the November 23rd meeting. Community input will be critical as the SSBC considers all options and survey results will be carefully considered as options are evaluated.

Symmes Maini McKee's Owners Project Manager Joel Seeley also reported that the MSBA had provided comment on the recently-submitted Preliminary Design Program submission. Mr. Seeley reported that comments were in keeping with expectation and focused on known facts and made several recommendations. Copies of the submission and the MSBA comments can be found on the SBCC website page - <http://stoneham-ma.gov/hsbc>.

The SSBC also held PTO presentations for South Elementary and Stoneham High School, and continues to meet with community groups over the coming weeks, including PTO presentations for Robin Hood Elementary and Central Middle School this week and for Colonial Park School on November 19; and a fourth Community Forum on Wednesday, December 9. All meetings are conducted virtually and connection information can be found on the website.

The Stoneham School Building Committee (SSBC) is comprised of municipal employees from the School and Town departments, elected representatives from the Select Board, School Committee and Finance & Advisory Board and citizens with a variety of talents and skills suited to the work of bringing a 21st century high school to the students and community of Stoneham.

Meetings are generally held twice a month on Monday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. The School Building Committee meetings are open to all and the Committee welcomes your attendance and input. Details for attending meetings virtually can be found at <http://stoneham-ma.gov/hsbc>.

If you cannot attend the meeting in person, you can find online versions of the meeting live, on Stoneham TV government channels (Comcast 22, RCN 15 and Verizon 36). You can also view the meetings at any time on <https://www.stonehamtv.org/ondemand> in the Stoneham School Building Committee section.