

**Sharon School Building Committee  
Sharon Town Hall  
90 South Main Street  
Sharon, Massachusetts 02067**

**SBC Meeting Minutes  
2/5/19**

**SSBC Members**

Gordon Gladstone, Chair	Richard Slater	Sara Winthrop
Deb Benjamin, Vice Chair	Steve Smith	
Rick Rice	Roger Thibault absent	
Marty Richards	Colleen Tuck	Matthew Baldassari (TH)

**Special Members**

Ken Wertz		
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**SBC Attendees and Others**

Emily Burke - SBC	Kevin Nigro - PMA
Amy Garcia - SBC	Chris Blessen - Tappe
Victoria Greer - SBC	Charlie Hay - Tappe
Jose Libano - SBC	D Warner - Landscape architect
John Marcus SBC	Jon Hitter - School Committee
Paul Queeney - PMA	Heather Zelevinsky
Matt Gulino - PMA	

**Administration**

- The meeting of the SBC was called to order by Chair Gladstone at 6:30 PM at the Public Safety Building.
- Future scheduled meetings dates include: 2/19, 3/5, 3/19.
- Chair Gladstone commented that we currently have a Committee of 9. There is one open position. 4 residents have responded with interest. Chair Gladstone said the process to fill the slot could take 2-3 months.

**Minutes**

Ms. Benjamin moved to approve the minutes of 1/22/19. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of approval of the 1/22/19 minutes.

The minutes of 1/8/19 need updating and approval.

**Invoices**

None

**Sharon High School Project**

- Chris Blessen stated that the public forum was well attended. There was a question about the layout and if it could be changed by taking or buying nearby land. It was investigated and deemed not appropriate. Reminder from Debbie Benjamin that if a question is asked that the architect get direction on whether to proceed from the "proponent" before doing work to answer the question.
- Feasibility Highlights include PSR submittal to MSBA on 3/21, MSBA FAS meeting is 5/29/19 and the MSBA Board Meeting is 6/26/19.

- Schematic Design Highlights include beginning schematic design on 3/22/19, SD Submittal to MSBA on 9/11/19 and MSBA Board Meeting on 10/30/19. Town Meeting is November 2019.
- Chris Blessen stated that the next steps are to continue to develop the PSR Option. SBC meetings are 2/19, 3/5 and 3/19. District Meetings are 2/12, 2/26 and 3/12. Public Forum date is TBD and the complete PSR submittal to MSBA is 3/21/19.
- Steve Smith asked how future expansion of the building will be shown. Chris Blessen said he will likely put that on the drawing with dotted lines to show future areas of possible expansion. Kevin Nigro said there will need to be some thought and dialogue to make sure that it can be done.
- Dr. Dalia Yablon, a Sharon resident voiced her concern regarding the high school project. She thinks the development is not being handled by experts, she expressed that SHS teachers and those that work in labs can better plan for science education. She is concerned with lab safety and how to minimize exposure. She stated that having labs far from a centralized chemical stock room increases exposure of those people who have to handle them and suggests they are all stored in one place. She suggests transport of these materials should be minimized. She feels that having multiple trained personnel co-located and immediately available to help in case of an accident can save lives. She also discussed the financial aspects of having all the facilities (gas, water, hood venting, etc.) piped to one branch in the school vs. the current design. She suggests that there should be a science branch in one part of the building.
- Emily Burke, Science Curriculum Coordinator at SHS stated that the biggest driver of student success is teacher collaboration. The new building design will foster multiple collaboration opportunities. She stated she is discussing a chemical stock room setup with the Architect. The building is a physical representation of community consensus, Arts and Steam in the core. From a financial perspective, they are looking at stacking cost and finding that the difference is minimal. The vision is that science is the backbone.
- Dr. Greer stated that she and Dr. Libano reached out to 16 different districts which have built high schools over the past 8 years, some completed, some still in construction. 15 out of the 16 are designed the way we are designing, with multiple floors/wings and with the science classrooms/labs on multiple floors/wings. We take chemical storage and safety very seriously. We are building for all content and all departments to be heard and meet the best needs of everyone.
- Chair Gladstone said the Standing Building Committee has responsibility for all construction aspects including design. From his perspective, the School Administration and School Committee have worked at length with the architects. From his perception he is not aware of anything that definitely says one design is superior to the other. We are dealing with opinion. The Administration is in favor of this design and the majority of the School Committee is in favor of this design. 15/16 high schools built in the past 8 years are following this path. When you weigh the conclusions of leaders of the educational process he has to believe all are working toward the same goal; best education and safety for all students. This design and program had been submitted to the MSBA. The MSBA has vetted and criticized the program. They are concerned with safety. Our role as the proponent is to build what they need.
- Ms. Tuck stated that our job is to ensure the integrity of the process.
- Mr. Smith stated that all science room are blocks on paper right now and it's good to know there are concerns that we will watch for now as plans develop.
- Mr. Rice stated that the MSBA prescribes certain things and this process and design has a lot of State scrutiny. The design today is much more prescriptive.
- Kevin Nigro of PMA stated that the MSBA science initiative task force developed the requirements and best practices to be reflective of the initiatives.
- Heather Zelevinsky said the School Committee has no authority on the project.
- Chris Blessen stated he is taking all comments under advisement.
- David Warner a landscape architect reviewed the slides for the site plan program and function.

- Mr. Rice suggested that a nice fence be included on Pond Street to control balls from the baseball field.

Slides from TAPPE and PMA PowerPoint presentation of 2/5/19 follow below.

### **Adjournment**

Through unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

### **Attachments**

PMA PowerPoint is included within document.

Submitted:

Rachelle Levitts

Sharon Standing Building Committee

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(Gordon Gladstone) Signature of Chair

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Date of Acceptance



## **SHARON HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

*February 5, 2019*

## AGENDA



**Public Forum Report**

**Site Design**

**Next Steps**

Community Forum

PSR Phase Completion



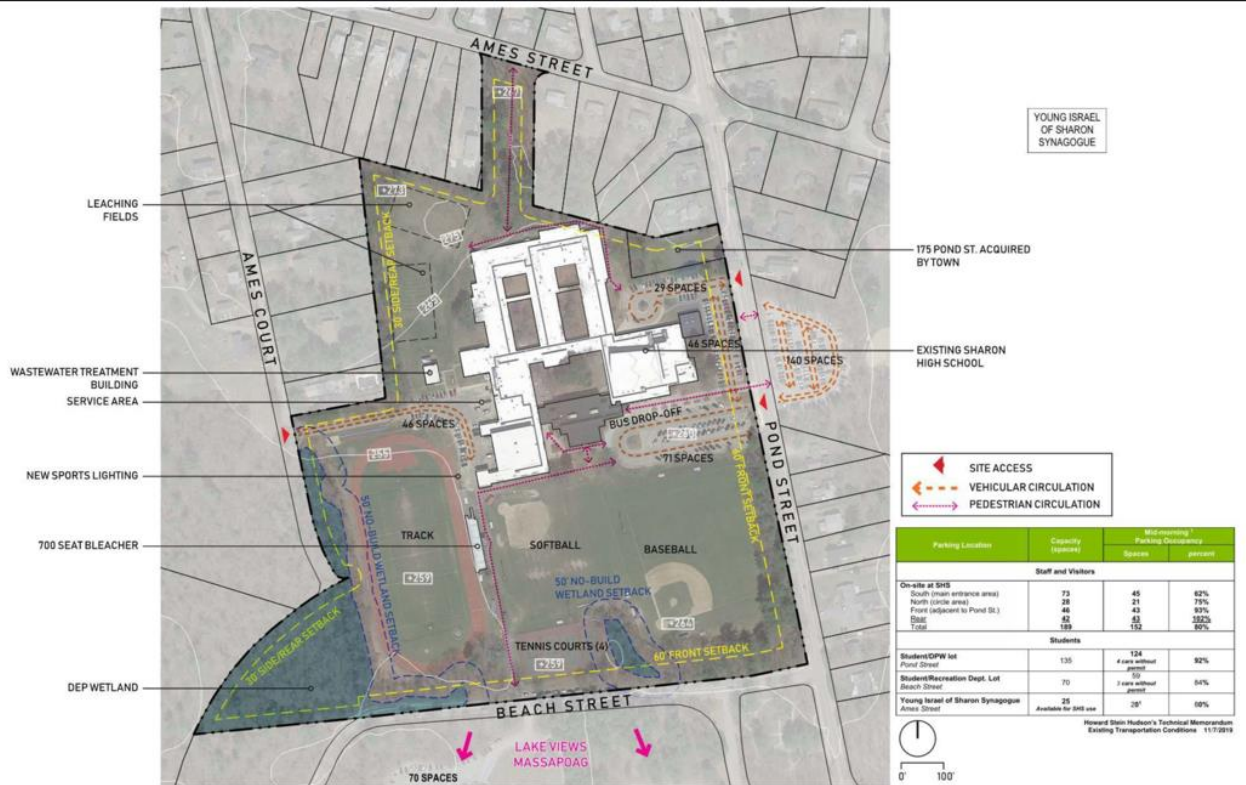
# Public Forum Report

# Site Design

## Site Program & Function

- Access
  - Walkers
  - Bicycles
  - Vehicular – buses, cars, service, emergency
- Outdoor Education & Dining
  - Instruction, workspace, discovery, school gardens, artwork
- Athletic Facilities
  - Baseball, softball, field hockey, football, soccer, track & tennis
  - Sports lighting
  - Irrigation
  - Bleachers, press box, restrooms & concessions
  - Storage
- Utilities & Maintenance
  - WWT/septic system, water, gas, electric, drainage
  - Landscape maintenance & snow plowing
  - Storage





## Preliminary Site Plan



TAPPE  
ARCHITECTS

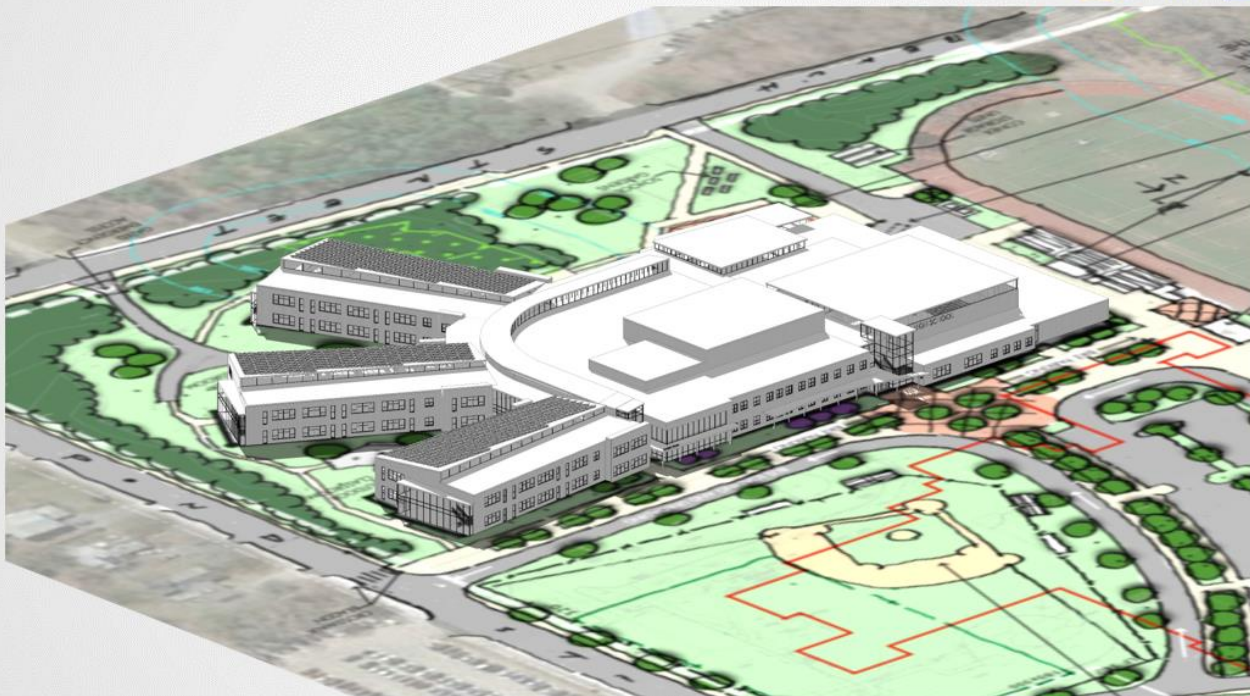
PMA  
PMA Consultants

WARNER LARSON  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS











# Community Outreach



- **Public Forum – TBD**
- **Project Website Updates**
- **Special Town Meeting Date – 11/04/19**
- **Town Election (debt exclusion) – 11/12/19 OR 11/19/19**
- **Sharon High School Building Project Website**
  - **<https://www.sharon.k12.ma.us/Page/5496>**

## PSR Deliverables



### Sharon Action Items

- SBC Selection of three alternate options (Reno, Add/Reno, New Build) – **Complete**
- SBC vote of Preferred Option selected from three alternates – **3/19/19**
- Local Actions and Approvals Certificate signed by: **Gordon Gladstone, Dr. Greer, Jon Hitter**
- Budget Statement Spreadsheet completed by Business Administrator – **Ongoing**
- SBC Approval of the PSR and vote confirming authorization of PSR submission to the MSBA – **3/19/19**

### Tappé/PMA Action Items

- Complete evaluation of existing conditions - **Complete**
- Final evaluation of alternate options - **Tappé**
- PSR Estimates – **PMA and Tappé**
- Preliminary Design Pricing Table – **PMA**
- Preferred Option Schedule – **PMA**
- Compile SBC/School Committee and Public Meeting Minutes for Local Action and Approvals Certificate sign-off – **PMA**

# Next Steps:



- **Continue to Develop PSR Options**
- **SBC Meetings – 2/19/19; 3/5/19; 3/19/19**
- **District Meetings - 2/12/19; 2/26/19; 3/12/19**
- **Public Forum – TBD**
- **Complete PSR submitted to MSBA (3-21-19)**



# Thank You!

