



Questions:

Why did each of the five proposals announced include the renovation of schools? Why was there no alternative included based simply on purchasing land building a Town hub?

Why do we have a special vote on September 12th, couldn't we have included in November along with the charter vote giving more opportunities for voters to have their say?

Answer:

I am making the assumption this is in relation to the most recent update regarding the Facilities programming study done by Friar Associates. The process of both evaluating facility condition and identifying solutions has been many years in the making. In 2014-2015 a facilities committee was created by the Town Council. This committee's report did provide multiple opportunities for the Town Council to look at including the build new option. At the direction of the Town Council, the Friar report update focused on two things: 1. Evaluate programming requirements for town services; 2. Evaluate the Center School to see if the Town programming could fit there.

The pre-referendum funding for the project is \$250,000. The process to appropriate more than \$25,000 in one fiscal year requires a recommendation from the Board of Finance, approval from the Town Council and approval from a Town meeting. The Council does have the authority to send the approval further to a Referendum if it sees fit.