

# MEETING NOTES



Meeting Date: January 8, 2025  
 Project Name: Lexington High School  
 Project Number: Click or tap here to enter text.  
 Subject: LHS Communications Working Group Meeting  
 Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Dell Angelo <b>(CA)</b>	DWMP - Project Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Burton <b>(MB)</b>	DWMP- Partner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Greco <b>(JG)</b>	DWMP - Assistant Project Manager
Lorraine Finnegan <b>(LF)</b>	SMMA – Principal in Charge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anoush Krafian <b>(AK)</b>	SMMA – Assistant Project Manager
Mark Barrett <b>(MB2)</b>	LHS- Public Facilities Project Manager
Mike Cronin <b>(MC)</b>	SBC Vice Chair & LPS Facility Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Pato <b>(JP)</b>	Select Board
• Julie Hackett <b>(JH)</b>	Superintendent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Himmel <b>(JH2)</b>	PBC Chair
Kathleen Lenihan <b>(KL)</b>	SBC Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kseniya Slavsky <b>(KS)</b>	SBC Community Representative
Hsing Min Sha <b>(HMS)</b>	SBC Community Representative
• Jonas Miller <b>(JM)</b>	Communications Director

Item No.	Action Item	Requested by	Ball in Court
3	create electronic flyers for community meeting on February 6th	Working Group	C.Dell Angelo
2	create mailer for abutter meeting on February 25th	Working Group	C.Dell Angelo

5	draft concise talking points on enrollment issues and MBTA communities matter	K.Slavsky	K.Slavsky

Agenda Item	Description
1.	<b>Introduction:</b> Refer to attendees list.
2.	<b>Abutter Communications/Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The team discussed scheduling an abutters meeting. They considered various dates, with the 4th of February being unavailable due to a school committee meeting. The possibility of holding the community meeting on the 6th of February was suggested, with the abutters meeting potentially taking place after the school vacation week. The team also discussed the availability of Cary Memorial and the need to be mindful of their full calendars. The final decision on the dates was not made during the meeting.</li> <li>- For the abutter meeting, the team planned to introduce Turner, discuss concerns, and understand what would be helpful for the abutters. K.Slavsky emphasized the need to prepare for more detailed exterior design discussions and to make it clear to the community what the opportunities for input are. J.Pato suggested understanding the longer-range sequence after these meetings.</li> <li>- February 24th and 25th for the abutters meeting</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Broader Community Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The team discussed the scheduling of upcoming community meetings and the budget summit. C.Dell Angelo proposed the next community forum on January 30th, with the abutter meeting the following week. However, J.Pato mentioned a conflict with the budget summit, suggesting the community meeting should be rescheduled to the following week. M.Cronin expressed a preference for the community meeting</li> </ul>

	<p>to be held at the high school, despite previous technological issues, but acknowledged the need to resolve these issues. The team agreed to continue discussions to finalize the meeting dates and locations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The working group discussed scheduling issues for upcoming meetings. They noted that January 27th and 28th were already booked for select board and school committee meetings, respectively. They also discussed the ongoing technology issues at the High School, with K.Lenihan suggesting that these issues should be added to the list of problems. The group then considered the possibility of holding a community</li> <li>- meeting early in the week of February 3rd, but J.Miller pointed out that this date was not feasible. M.Cronin suggested the 5th or 6th as potential dates, but C.Dell Angelo reminded them that the 6th was already scheduled for a different meeting. The group agreed to continue discussing the scheduling issues.</li> <li>- The team discussed the logistics and content for upcoming community and abutter meetings. The community meeting introduces Turner, recaps the preferred schematic report phase, and discusses the current building design, renderings, and steps leading up to the town meeting. The team also discussed the need to start discussing Article 97 more, with the decision to put it at the same town meeting instead of spring</li> <li>- They decided on February 6th for the community meeting</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The team discussed the organization and categorization of documents on their website. K.Slavsky suggested highlighting the primary submissions and adding another section for prior submissions. J.Miller proposed making the design and documents page more of a landing page with explanations and suggested reorganizing the page chronologically or by priority. K.Slavsky proposed keeping the Preliminary Design Program (PDP) as official documents and suggested linking to a document written by Dr. Hackett and M.Cronin. C.Dell Angelo suggested breaking out the</li> </ul>

	<p>documents into separate sections and listing them in chronological order. The team agreed to include descriptions and links to relevant pages for better understanding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- J.Pato and M.Burton discussed the need for clearer communication regarding the Article 97. They agreed that the policy decision or discussion would not be made in the current meeting. K.Lenihan asked about the factors that would influence the decision on whether Article 97 would be discussed in the spring or fall town meeting. M.Cronin clarified that Article 97 was initially scheduled for the spring annual town meeting, but there were ongoing discussions to potentially move it to the fall. He mentioned that another meeting was scheduled to discuss this further, but the exact date was not yet known.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>New Business &amp; FAQs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- K.Slavsky proposed the development of a concise talking point regarding the enrollment issue and the MBTA communities' matter. She suggested that this should be part of various presentations and should focus on the handling of the matter rather than the outcome. She also raised the issue of the expansion of build-out space, suggesting that it would be less expensive to include it in the base project rather than as an add-on. She agreed to draft a brief statement on this matter and send it to J.Miller and C.Dell Angelo for review. M.Burton clarified that the decision had been made not to include the additional wings in the current design, which allows for future expansion.</li> </ul>
6.	<b>Close</b>

**Sincerely,**

**DORE + WHITTIER**

Jacob Greco  
Assistant Project Manager

Cc: Attendees, File

The above is my summation of our meeting. If you have any additions and/or corrections, please contact me for incorporation into these minutes