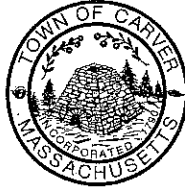


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October 5, 2010

Katherine Craven
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Dear Ms. Craven,

On June 29, 2010, the Carver Building Committee submitted a plan to the MSBA. (see attachment #1). Although we did not receive a written response from MSBA to the proposed plan, Joe Sullivan (OPM for Carver project) spoke with MSBA in mid August, and communicated to the superintendent that the next step should be the non-binding referendum.

The Carver Building Committee worked with the town administrator and submitted a warrant article for the November 8, 2010 special town meeting (see attachment #2). This article requested town meeting and the board of selectmen to consider putting the non-binding referendum on the ballot and borrow under the levy limit for schematic design. The town clerk consulted MASS General Laws and responded to the town administrator (see attachment #3). After consulting town counsel, the response was : a non-binding referendum can only be held at the regular town election. In Carver, the next election is the third Saturday in April, 2011.

Carver is requesting from MSBA permission to go forward, with the approval of town meeting (November 8, 2010) to fund schematic design by borrowing under the levy limit with the guarantee of reimbursement from MSBA at the same rate (56.26%) as the feasibility study.

There are several compelling reasons to go forward with schematic design before the April regular town election.

- the new growth rate in Carver was nearly \$700,000 in FY2010
- the town of Carver recently chose the early option to redeem the bond of the renovation of the Carver Middle School, increasing current and immediate future cash flow
- the town of Carver is forming an ad hoc committee to address the priority of replacing/renovating all town buildings

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Katherine All of the above describe a very favorable economic situation for continuing with the Carver Elementary School renovation project while the total economic downturn remains favorable for savings in the bid price. There is a new Carver Building Committee Chairperson who is really reaching out to the whole community and is getting a very favorable response for going forward with the project. The economic and political factors are in positive alignment and it would be a challenge to maintain this momentum without some forward movement with the project. A former, openly critical, spokesperson for a group opposing the project is now attending some of the Building Committee meetings and is speaking in favor of the project (see attachment #4).

Please consider the request as soon as possible due to the timing of the November 8 town meeting.

Sincerely,



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Attachment #5: MSBA Letter 2-1-2010

Cc: Joe Sullivan, O.P.M.; Kevin Walsh, Carver Building Committee Chair; Al Spicer, Carver School Committee Chair; Rick LaFond, Town Administrator; Frank Casey, Board of Selectmen, Chair