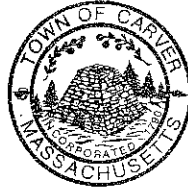


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November 9, 2010

Katherine Craven, Executive Director
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Re: Carver Special Town Meeting votes to fully fund Schematic Design

Dear Katherine Craven:

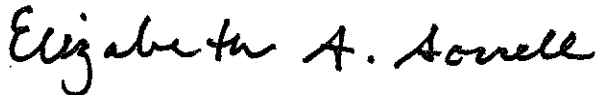
At the November 8, 2010, Carver Special Town Meeting, a citizen proposed an amendment to Article 5 (see attachment). This amendment asked citizens to approve borrowing within the tax levy limit an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the purpose of completing the schematic design process for the Carver Elementary School. After a thorough discussion of the amendment *with the notification there is no guarantee of MSBA reimbursement or of a specific percentage amount*, the amended article passed with an overwhelming majority (131-6). As a result of this vote, funds are available immediately for the schematic design process. No further action is required. It is to be noted that this level of support included positive votes from very vocal citizens who have previously objected to funding schematic design. In fact, the amendment was proposed by a citizen who was previously against the project.

In your letter of February 1, 2010, you stated: "In order to reactive the Statement of Interest for the Governor John Carver Elementary School and re-enter the Capital Pipeline, the Town must demonstrate local support for funding a school project by passing a ballot question for a project with a defined scope and budget." The town meeting vote to fund the entire cost of schematic design, not to exceed \$600,000, demonstrates that the town is willing to fund the entire schematic design cost without guaranteed reimbursement from the MSBA. This vote demonstrates extraordinary support for the completion of schematic design.

In the same letter of February 1, 2010, you stated: "If the Town successfully reactivates its Statement of Interest and the MSBA's Board of Directors affirmatively votes to reconsider the proposed project, the Town will re-enter the Capital Pipeline at the Schematic Design phase. All work that the Town and the MSBA have undertaken to date, including the feasibility study, will be retained and will form the basis of any potential project at the Governor John Carver Elementary School." The Carver School Committee and Board of Selectman are eager to reactivate the Statement of Interest by whatever process the MSBA deems necessary. We are aware that the Statement of Interest application process is slated to open next week. If necessary, we will submit a new application.

The town is eager to begin the schematic design process and seeks the guidance of the MSBA. Design Partnership, David Finney, is ready to begin working with us immediately. The town has guaranteed full funding. We are ready to continue to work with the MSBA.

Sincerely,



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Emily Mahlman, MSBA
Diane Sullivan, MSBA
Senator Marc Pacheco
Representative Susan Williams Gifford
Town Administrator Richard LaFond
Carver Board of Selectmen Chairperson, Frank Casey
Carver Building Committee Chairperson, Kevin Walsh
Carver School Committee Chairperson, Al Spicer
Design Partnership, David Finney
Richard Marks, Daedalus Projects, Inc

Original Wording of article to be submitted by School Committee for Special Town Meeting Warrant:

“To see if the town will vote to borrow within the levy limit the amount of \$600,000, to be reimbursed at 56% (cost to the town not to exceed \$264,000), for the purpose of completing the schematic design process for the Carver Elementary School. The schematic design process will provide cost estimates and final design drawings for the renovation and new construction of the facility. Borrowing and expenditure of said funds is contingent upon the successful passage of a non-binding question seeking the support of the public for this project, and, further, to request that the Board of Selectmen schedule a special election to consider a non-binding question at the earliest practicable opportunity, or take any other action relative thereto.”

(By the School Committee and School Building Committee)

November 8, 2010 Special Town Meeting Warrant Amended Article 5:

“To see if the town will vote to borrow within the tax levy limit an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the purpose of completing the schematic design process for the Carver Elementary School. The schematic design process will provide cost estimates and final design drawings for the renovation and new construction of the facility or take any other action relative thereto.”

(Note: The source of the funds to pay for the debt service will be from general revenues and not as a result of a Proposition 2 ½ override through a debt exclusion. There is no guarantee of MSBA reimbursement or of a specific percentage amount)

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