HADLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Hadley Elementary School Reuse Advisory Committee was formed by Town Meeting in November 2020 to study the potential reuse of the Hadley Elementary School in the event a new combined K through 4 elementary school is built at the location of the current Stanley Elementary School and the Hadley Elementary School is deemed excess by the Swampscott School Department. The Hadley School Reuse Advisory Committee will study and report back on the feasibility of re-using all or a portion of the existing Hadley School building for public, civic, commercial, and/or non-market rate housing uses.

The makeup of the 20-person committee consists of Town Meeting members, residents appointed by the Select Board, and representatives from various Town Boards and Committees.

An initial visioning meeting was held on January 14, 2021 and the group has met both collectively and in sub-groups over the past several months. In this time, the Committee has undertaken the following:

- Site tour of the Hadley building(s) led by Facilities Director, Max Kasper
- Designed and released a Community Survey to explore preliminary questions about the Hadley site – 789 responses were received
- Formed sub-groups to investigate different use categories: Arts & Culture, Civic/Non-profit, Commercial, and Affordable Housing
- Conducted site visits to similar local projects and interviews with project teams

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25th. There will be additional community engagement over the summer, prior to the Committee's submission of a report to the Select Board in August.

Steve Perdue, Chair Molly O'Connell, Staff Coordinator

More information on meeting schedules, agendas, and other items can be found on the committee page:

https://www.swampscottma.gov/hadley-elementary-school-reuse-advisory-committee