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March 28, 2023

Ms. Elizabeth M. Lawrence
and Members of Troop 70424

Ms. Rebecca Chimwanda
and Members of Troop 70425

Thank you for coming to our recent Select Board meeting on March 13, 2023. We enjoyed meeting you all and appreciate the great questions asked by the young ladies. There were two questions that required some additional Town research which we have answered below:

How was the Town seal decided?

The question was posed to the former museum curator, Terry McDermott, and Historical Commission Chair Bonny Smith. In 1898 the state issued a resolution that required all cities and towns to have a town seal.

Wilmington's seal was created by Arthur Bond who was recognized as the unofficial historian of Wilmington and was petitioning for the creation of a Historical Society. The seal depicts the Whitefield Elm, the Squire Eames house which was located near the current Reading Co-operative Bank and a piece of the tannery. Mr. Bond lived in North Wilmington and was familiar with the scene.

The seal was approved by the Board of Selectmen and a Town Meeting vote in 1899.

The second question was related to the choice of stars on the American flag. We know that the stars represent the states but why stars were chosen over circles or diamonds is not clear. However the Flag Resolution of 1777 which was passed by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777 stated:

“Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

In closing, thank you again for your attendance at our recent meeting. We look forward to your next visit as you are welcome to join us anytime.

Sincerely,

Judith L. O'Connell
Chair



Town of Wilmington

Fire Department



William F. Cavanaugh, III
Chief of Department

Emergency 911

April 3, 2023

To: Jeffrey Hull

Re: State Earmark-Public Safety Storage

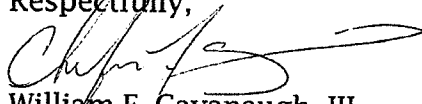
Mr. Hull,

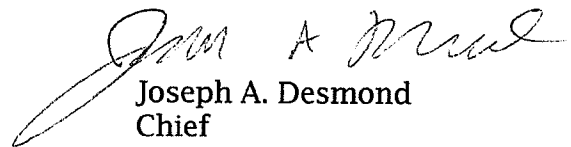
As you are aware, the Town of Wilmington was awarded \$50,000 in State earmarks to address storage shortfalls at the Public Safety Building. In conjunction with Chief Joseph Desmond, we decided to purchase two identical outside storage containers. These containers will be placed in the rear parking lot. The containers will have windows, a set of double doors for larger item loading, a regular walk in door, LED lighting, and shelving units in both. We will also mimic the DPW and purchase a cover to go between them which will be helpful in covering items from the elements such as traffic sign boards, portable light tower trailer, and other items that are currently exposed to the elements.

Further, the police identified a need for additional firearms storage. We will be purchasing a secure box for that purpose. A "day box" for discarded, unwanted, or confiscated fireworks, road flares, and other incendiary devices will be purchased and be used by both departments. The remaining funds will be utilized for site preparations that will be necessary to correctly install the containers and wiring to bring power to the containers.

We would like to thank the State Delegation, especially Representative David Robinson for securing the funds that made this project possible. Also the DPW and Public Buildings departments for assisting us with the site work and electrical needs.

Respectfully,


William F. Cavanaugh, III
Chief
Wilmington Fire Department


Joseph A. Desmond
Chief
Wilmington Police Department



Massachusetts School Building Authority

Deborah B. Goldberg
Chairman, State Treasurer

James A. MacDonald
Chief Executive Officer

John K. McCarthy
Executive Director / Deputy CEO

March 28, 2023

Mr. Jeffrey M. Hull, Town Manager
Town of Wilmington
Wilmington Town Hall
121 Glen Road, Room 11
Wilmington, MA 01887

Re: Town of Wilmington, Wildwood Elementary School, Designer Selection Panel Meeting

Dear Mr. Jeffrey Hull.:

On Tuesday, March 28, 2023, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”) Designer Selection Panel (the “DSP”) interviewed the finalists for the Wildwood Elementary School project in the Town of Wilmington (“the District”). The following individuals represented the District at the DSP:

- Jeffrey Hull, Town Manager, Town of Wilmington
- Dr. Glenn Brand, Superintendent of Schools, Wilmington Public Schools
- David Ragsdale, School Committee Vice-Chair, Wilmington Public Schools


In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Sections 44 through 58, and the MSBA Designer Selection Procedures, the DSP voted to rank the finalists, in order of qualifications, as follows for the above- referenced project:

1. Dore + Whittier
2. Studio G Architects, Inc.

The District should now take the appropriate local steps necessary to award the contract for designer services to the first ranked firm and authorize fee and contract negotiations. Please use the MSBA’s standard contract for designer services, which can be downloaded from our website:
<https://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/team/dsp>

Upon completion of contract and fee negotiations with the first ranked firm, please forward a copy of the fully executed contract to Sarah Przybylowicz, Senior Project Coordinator, at the MSBA

Sincerely,



Karl Brown, AIA Design Director

Cc: Legislative Delegation



Wilmington, Massachusetts

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

April 7, 2023

TO: Select Board

RE: MSBA Wildwood Elementary School Project

Following the notice that Dore + Whittier has been selected as the Town's architect/designer for the feasibility study portion of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Wildwood School project, Dore + Whittier is expected to submit a fee proposal to the Town for their services. Once the fee is negotiated an agreement will be signed. The agreement itself is a standard document provided by the MSBA. This work is expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Over the next few months Dore + Whittier will seek to fully understand the existing conditions within the elementary school grade levels. There will be some initial exploration of the options being considered including building consolidation and grade reconfiguration. The sites for possible school construction or expansion will be closely evaluated. Public meetings will be conducted with the Wildwood School Building Committee to discuss the options being considered. One goal is to reduce the number of options and building sites under consideration by August of this year.

In the fall of 2023, following the start of the new school year, Dore + Whittier and SMMA will work with the Town to conduct visioning sessions during which residents will be invited to learn about options being considered and to ask questions and offer their vision for a future elementary school. Details about the specific dates and agendas for those meetings will be advertised well in advance. A key component of the feasibility study efforts will be to hear from all the key stakeholders including teachers, parents, students and residents of the community. Presentations are expected to be made to the School Committee, Select Board and Finance Committee along the way. A preferred design plan is expected to be developed by December of 2023 which will be presented to the MSBA Board.


Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager

cc: Dr. Glenn Brand, Superintendent of Schools
Paul Ruggiero, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance
George Hooper, Public Buildings Superintendent
Susan Inman, Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director
Bryan Perry, Finance Director/Town Accountant
Finance Committee