

June 1999

- The original grant application for a new elementary school in East Haddam.

Four Previous Elementary School Referendums

- *Referendum #1: PK-2 - January 2002*
- *Referendum #2: K-2 - June 2002*
- *Referendum #3: K-2 - October 2002*
- *Referendum #4: 3-5 - June 2003*

Board of Education Activities following the Last Referendum in June 2003

- Long Range Planning Committee met ten times between June 2003 and March 2004 to continue planning for another school building project.

July 2003

- Board received a proposal from interested East Haddam citizens to expand the East Haddam Elementary School.
- Discussed short-term and long-term interventions.

August 2003

- Reviewed student enrollment and class size data.
- Discussed feasibility of expanding East Haddam Elementary School and building new middle school.
- Discussed renovating existing middle school per the recommendations contained in the Middle School Facilities Report.
- Requested an engineering study of the elementary school site for sewage capacity.

September 2003

- Milone & MacBroom Engineering report indicates that the elementary school site septic capacity can accommodate approximately 600 students.

October 2003

- Discussed a K-3 school at EHES.
- Grades 4 and 5 at the middle school combined with municipal use.
- Build a new 6-8 school.
- Debated the merits of a three vs. four school system.
- Developed two options for further consideration.

Option 1 - A Four-School System

- PK-2 (EHES)
- 3-5 (NHRMS with renovations)
- 6-8 (New Middle School)
- 9-12 (High School)

Option 2 - A Three-School System

- K-2 (Convert EHES)
- 3-8 (New Middle School)
- 9-12 (High School)

November / December 2003

- New school options were reviewed along with estimated construction costs.
- Enrollment figures and student capacities for each school were reviewed.

January 2004

- Presentation by *Center for Social Research*
- Superintendent presented a three-school proposal to BOE:
 - PK-3 (EHES)
 - 4-8 (New Middle School)
 - 9-12 (High School)
- Board of Education votes to request change to ESBC charge to include middle grades.
- BOE directs Superintendent to develop educational specification for 4-8 school.

Supporting Data

- 1997 - School Building Committee Report
- 2000 - Middle School Facilities Study
- 2002 - EH Community Survey of Registered Voters
- 2003 - Ad Hoc School Space Research Study Report
- 2003 - School Site Investigation Report
- 2003 - Joint Meeting of Rep. from all Town Boards
- 2003 - EHES Sewage Disposal Feasibility Report

Rationale for 4-8 School

- Keeps district at three schools.
- Project includes the middle grades.
- Discontinues use of NHRMS as educational facility.
- Alleviates overcrowding at both the elementary school and middle school.
- Eliminates the need for an addition at EHES.
- No interruptions to school programs for renovations.
- Addresses all district needs with one project.
- Serves the Town's educational needs into future.

February / March 2004

- *February 9* - Town meeting to amend charge to School Building Committee
- *February 10* - East Haddam Board of Education approves educational specifications for a new 4-8 school.
- *March 17* - Educational specifications conveyed to new building committee.

Explanation of Process / Charge

- Feb. 17, 2004 Town Meeting Altered Charge of Previous Building Committee from PreK-2 School to 4-8 School.
- Review and Select Site(s).
- Coordinate Development of Preliminary Plans, and Estimate with Consultants during Pre-Referendum.
- Coordinate with Town Commissions and Boards during Pre-Referendum.

Explanation of Process / Charge

- Prepare Referendum Documentation.
- Oversee Designers and Project Managers during Design and Pre-Construction.
- Work with Town Commissions and Boards during Pre-Construction.
- Oversee Project Manager during Construction.
- Work with Town Commissions and Boards during Construction.

Timeline

- *March 2004* - Board of Selectman interview candidates for the School Building Committee (SBC).
- *March 17, 2004* - Selectman Parker explains the process to the SBC ... past Building Committee member reviews prior history and procedures ... Dr. Durham (Superintendent of Schools) explains 4-8 concept and educational specifications.
- *March 24, 2004* - SBC reviews sites that are over 21 acres with Jim Ventres, Land Use Administrator ... SBC agrees to stay with Kaestle Boos Architects (KBA) to meet deadline of June 30, 2004 and qualify for the reimbursement rate of 48.93% ... SBC selects criteria for site selection process.

Timeline

- *April 1, 2004* - SBC continues to review sites, then selects site #18 as best available in conjunction with criteria ... asks Selectman to contact property owners for permission to access sites.
- *April 4, 2004* - SBC members participate in a site walk on site #18.
- *April 7, 2004* - SBC discuss access options of site and possible combined purchase for open space preservation ... asks Selectmen to schedule perk testing.
- *April 14, 2004* - Review timetable to June referendum ... SBC asks Shirley Judge and Nancy Mackinnon to organize and facilitate neighborhood forums to gather comments and concerns and bring those back to the SBC ... set May 5, 2004 for the first Public Hearing at 8:00pm in the Middle School Cafeteria.

Timeline

- *April 17, 2004* - Forum group meets to decide how to contact neighbors ... sets 2 dates for forums to discuss different ways to gather feedback.
- *April 21, 2004* - SBC discovers another possible access to parcel #18 from an earlier discussed property identified as site # 19.
- *April 22, 2004* - Tests pits begun on site #18, site #19 property owner contacted for permission to access property for evaluation ... first of two forums held at Mr. & Mrs. Archie Deming's home on Sillmanville Road.
- *April 25, 2004* - Second forum held at the home of Anita Ballek.
- *April 26, 2004* - Discussion of possible open space / educational acquisition of property held at an Open Space meeting.

Timeline

- *April 28, 2004* - At SBC meeting, Board of Finance Chairman relays the Town's financial state. Explains to SBC that the BOF will put aside \$250,000 in reserve for the upcoming budget (to be voted on May 19, 2004) to offset tax increases attributed to the new capital projects (which could include the new 4-8 school) that the Town may begin in the future ... SBC deliberates over different organizational layouts of the new school. SBC decides to have an informal meeting with KBA to narrow choices of the school on May 3, 2004 and invites Dr. Durham and Dr. Gannon (Middle School Principal) to attend.

Timeline

- *May 3, 2004* - Informal meeting held to discuss the different layouts of the school ... Initial perk testing results sent to SBC and demonstrate 19 different samples, only four which show ledge present ... Public hearing on Town Budget held ... FAQ sheets with answers sent to Nancy Mackinnon and Shirley Judge for distribution to neighbors in area of proposed site.
- *May 5, 2004* - Public hearing on the potential school site.

Upcoming Events

- *May 2004* - Look for another Public Hearing TBA on the entire 4-8 school building project.
- *May 24, 2004* - An informational meeting about the 4-8 school building project presented by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Steve Durham and Dr. Rick Gannon, Principal of the Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School. Michael Rafferty, Principal of the award winning Blue Ribbon 4-8 Middle School in Old Saybrook will be available for questions.
- *June 2004* - School project goes to referendum.

School Building Committee meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month in the High School.

Site Selection Criteria

- Location
- Ownership
- Site Conditions

Location

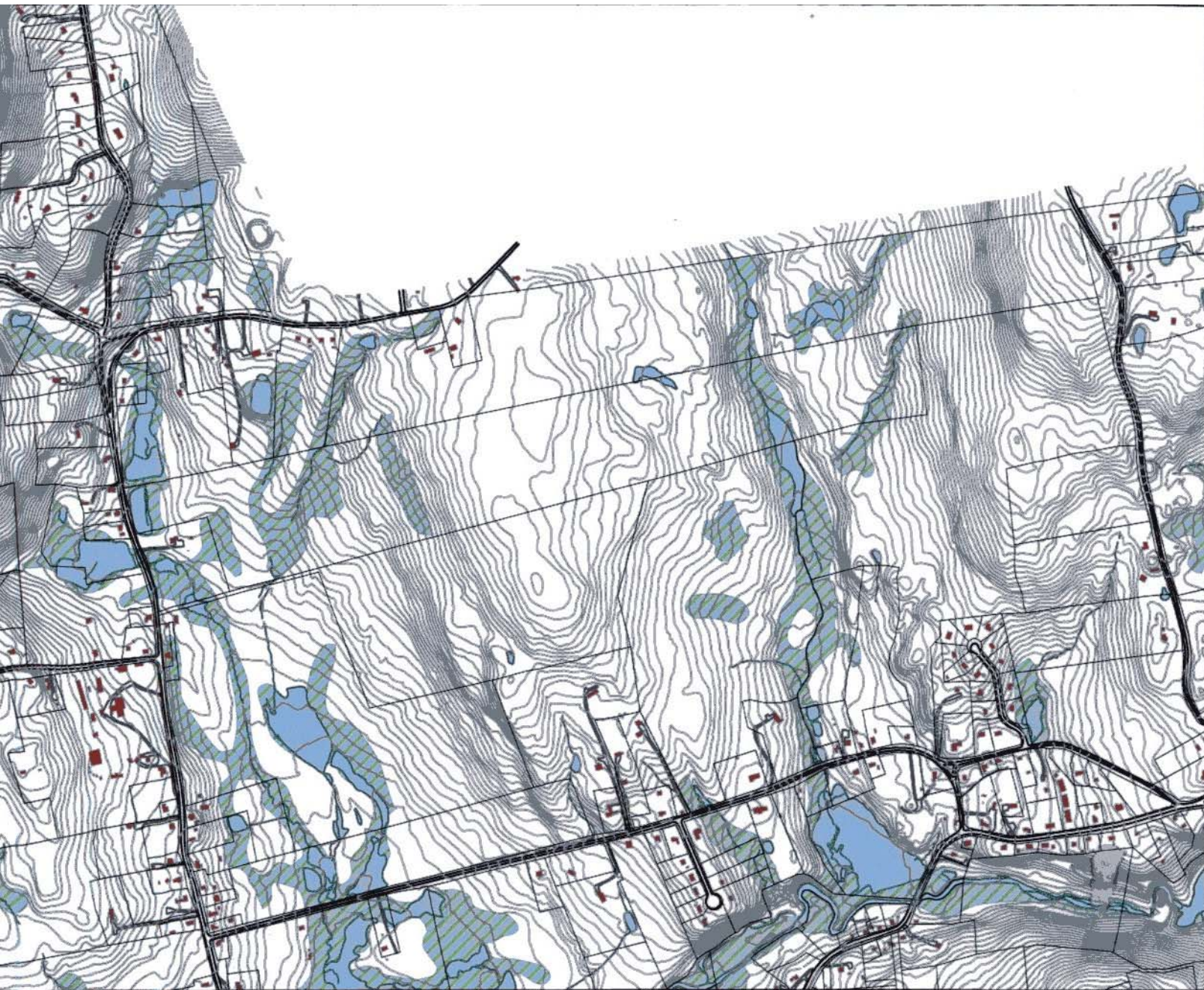
- Close proximity to existing schools (~ 2.5 miles).
- Easily accessible for traffic.
- Minimal off-site work cost.

Ownership









- Should not contain existing business or residences.
- No eminent domain.
- Able to be be acquired in a timely fashion. (Project to be presented to the town prior to June 30, 2004)

Site Conditions

- Large enough to accommodate future expansion.
- Favorable soil conditions for septic.



Legend

-  parcel polyg
-  contours arc
-  roads arc
-  driveway arc
-  bldgs polygo
-  hydro arc
-  hydro polygo
-  wetlands

Possible Off-Site Improvements

- Widen Sillmanville Road near intersection of North Moodus Road from 16 feet to 22 feet.
- Improve curve near Church on North Moodus Road.
- Improve sight lines at intersection of North Moodus Road and Route 149.
- Possible traffic signal at intersection of North Moodus Road and Route 149.
- Clark Gates Road Accessibility.