



Placement of Skating Rink and Site Plan for BMSHS West of Harris Field

Belmont School Committee Meeting
May 25, 2021

Organization of Discussion

1. Rink context
2. School Committee discussion about rink placement and schematic options from Perkins & Will
3. Public comment on rink placement (up to 15 minutes)
4. Vote on rink placement
5. BMSHS site plan context
6. School Committee discussion and input about site plan west of Harris Field
7. Public comment on site plan (up to 20 minutes)
8. Next steps

Rink Context

Working Group formed in 2019 to:

- Develop RFP for public-private partnership (summer 2019)
- Oversee RFP process (winter/spring 2020)
- Negotiate with bidder (spring through fall of 2020)

When public-private partnership was not able to move forward given RFP conditions, Perkins & Will was selected by town to conduct site concept design study for single sheet rink with following assumptions:

- Two scenarios: construction of new site and renovation
- Specified # of lockers rooms and additional storage space
- Parking (110 spots)
- Playing fields (baseball, softballs, soccer, discus, shot put)
- Tennis courts, if other program elements are maintained

Rink Discussion and Vote

- Perkins & Will presented three design schemes as part of final report to Select Board and School Committee on 5/12.
- Discussion and vote tonight on placement of rink.

Site Plan West of Harris Fields Context

- Original BMSHS site plan was approved in 2018.
- During Fall 2019, upon request by supporters of tennis, the School Department reviewed the plan, and met with baseball, softball and tennis groups, along with Athletic Director and Recreation Department.
 - School Committee determined that a decision about whether to change course would be based on Superintendent recommendation versus School Committee vote.
- Superintendent presented recommendation to stick with original plan at 1/7/20 School Committee meeting, with rationale that it was the best (most universal and efficient) use of the space over the course of all seasons.
- Winn Brook option to add 1-2 tennis courts using CPA funds was subsequently pursued and will be before Town Meeting for approval in June.

Site Plan Discussion

-Discussion tonight to get feedback from School Committee about readiness to move forward with site plan

Parking Details

-450 spots in current BHS parking lot

-Approximately 60 spots are used by students in fall and 300 in spring

-430 spots planned for new BMSHS site

-250 spots in parking lot on east side of site for staff (grades 7-12), visitors, and handicap parking

-90 spots for students on Concord Ave and 90 spots in parking lot west of Harris Field (west parking lot also for users of facilities and playing fields)