

Communication Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes June 13, 2017

Present: Brad Smith, Holly J. P. Kopp, Ryan Palmer, Donna Brunette

The following will serve as an update for the construction website:

Early Site Work to Begin on MTA Athletic Fields:

On June 6, 2017 the Topsham Planning Board approved the development of the athletic practice field and the baseball field to be located on the newly acquired land adjacent to Mt. Ararat Middle School. The bidding process will open on July 11, 2017 with an anticipated start date for construction of July 18, 2017. The new fields will be completed in November of 2017 and will be ready for use in the spring of 2019.

The District is also in the process of working with the Maine Arts Commission to create a Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will determine how the monies for art in the new building will be invested. The MTA Building Project has budgeted \$50,000 for artwork to be included in the new building. The District will be looking for two representatives to serve on this committee. Qualified individuals can contact the District Office to inquire about the application process.

In addition to art for the new high school, the Student Advisory Committee has suggested a list of items from the old high school that would be moved to the new high school. Items under consideration include the eagle statue in the lobby, the maps in the commons, various murals, clocks, trophies and awards.

In addition to the update above, the following will serve as the minutes of today's meeting:

The Committee noted a need to recognize the new developer's agreement to replace the new sewer line at the time of the field construction. In addition, the District will recognize the easement from Crooker. Brad will do a press release or article to recognize these contributions from our fellow community members.

For a future update the Committee will announce the Commissioning Agent once the firm has been chosen.

The Committee also discussed the need to begin taking photos of the construction site to post on the website. Ryan noted that the District has a drone that can also be used to document changes through the construction process.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2017