

## **MSBA Feasibility Study Process**

The Uxbridge School Committee in conjunction with the Superintendents Office is proceeding with and providing the requested information in response to the Invitation for Feasibility Study from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).

The goal is to enter into a Feasibility Study Agreement between the Town of Uxbridge and MSBA in response to the Statement of Interest document sent to the MSBA in November 2006 from the Uxbridge School Committee and Board of Selectmen.

From the last meeting on July 25, 2008 with the MSBA, a team consisting of Ernie Esposito, Dan Stefanilo, Don Sawyer and John Higgins were given the current information for proceeding toward the Feasibility Study Agreement. The first step as explained by the MSBA is to draft a Town Meeting Warrant to appropriate five hundred thousand dollars to cover the total amount, for which five hundred thousand dollars would be the maximum of the shared cost of the Feasibility Study. The exact cost of the Feasibility Study will be determined as a percentage of the total project cost developed before the end of the Study as well as the reimbursement percentage rate the MSBA will provide.

Once the money has been appropriated and all required documentation has been sent to the MSBA from the School Committee, the Feasibility Study Agreement can be signed.

The required documentation includes the Architectural Construction Documents the Town purchased for the previous High School project, the Conceptual Plan Drawing used for the purchase of the land in 2006 the development and the MSBA approval of the town's School Building Committee and any other design related documentation developed for either the renovating of existing faculties or the construction of a new building.

The Feasibility Study will include an extensive look at possible renovation of existing buildings and or lease of available space in the Town, the reuse of existing (High School) building plans and other feasibility studies, the approval of the existing Uxbridge School Building Committee, the hiring of an Owner Project Manager, formulating a Design Selection Panel Consisting 12 Permanent members and three rolling members to include: one member of the BSA (Mass Architect Association), two members of Engineering and Consultant (Mass Association), three members of the Association of Construction Contractors, four MSBA members, Katherine Craven, Joe Buckley and

three local members of Uxbridge to include a local business person, School Committee member and a School Building Committee member.

The Feasibility Study is developed jointly and replaces the standard Schematic Design Phase of developing Construction Documents to include: Geo/Thermo testing and other types of testing normally included in the Schematic Design Phase, the MSBA and town working together to develop a total budget cost for the project including contingencies and the reimbursement rate from the MSBA.

You are invited to provide questions and request additional information relating to the Feasibility Study at the next School Committee meeting at 7 pm on September 9, 2008 at the Uxbridge High School Library.