

Brookline Building Use Workgroup Meeting
October 6, 2026, 5:00pm
Location: Brookline Town Office or Zoom

Present in person:

Lyle Brooks
Andrea Seaton
Stan Noga
Mary Hickey
Fred Strasser

1. Meeting called to order at 5:12 PM
2. Because of technical challenges, the group could not set up Zoom connection
3. No changes to the agenda
4. No scheduled or unscheduled members of the public
5. Minutes of 9/16 meeting unanimously approved
6. Updates

The group discussed the importance of keeping public comments at BBUW meetings focused on the business of the committee.

The group discussed concerns expressed at a recent Selectboard Meeting that the BBUW was not acting independently of the Selectboard members who attend meetings. There was unanimous agreement that the group's work has not been influenced in any way. All agreed that workgroup has stayed true to the charge it was given: To assess varying options without bias and to weigh the benefits/risks/costs of each. They feel the final report is evidence of that commitment.

Lyle reported that he had reached out to a builder/developer who expressed possible interest in seeing the school building if the town were to choose the option of selling the property

7. New business

The group reviewed the first draft of the report and made the changes suggested by workgroup members. Those changes were related to accuracy of facts, precision of language and refinements in the narrative of relevant events. Mary and Fred said they would make necessary revisions and send revised draft to group for final approval.

Andrea suggested that the BBUW's next step is to send the final report to the Selectboard. She and Fred suggested writing an accompanying cover letter saying that the BBUW recommends sharing the document with the public and possibly doing a survey to get a sense of public sentiment on the issue.

Andrea made a motion to do the above. Stan seconded—and the motion was unanimously approved.

Fred and Mary said they will draft a cover letter and send it to the workgroup for approval, along with the final draft of the report.

The group agreed that its work has been completed for now and the BBUW will await further instruction from the Selectboard if the board feels more work is necessary.

8. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM