

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
January 10, 2017

Present:

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair

Jon Landry

Peter M. Mastrobattista

Gary Palumbo

Amy Suffredini

Meredith A. Trimble

John Vibert

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager

Paula B. Ray, Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council and members of the public recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Presentations and Recognitions

1. Streetlight Purchase and Conversion to LED Lights – Assistant Town Planner, Shannon Rutherford and Director of Public Works, Russ Arnold

Ms. Rutherford, Assistant Planner explained to the Council the reasoning behind purchasing from Eversource and the conversion to LED of the Town's street lights and answered Council questions. She had been researching this process since the summer. The maintenance issues were the stumbling block in the past and this issue had now been resolved by the development of private sector companies doing street light maintenance contracts. She noted the Town of Farmington had just over 1700 street lights and the budget line to maintain and for energy costs to Eversource was \$250,000 a year. She outlined the financial basis for purchase using the hand out recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item C-1. She explained the analysis she had done showed little price difference between the private companies handling the maintenance of the lights, but the internal processes of Tanco Lighting was best suited to the Town of Farmington's needs. It was the consensus of the Council to have an action item on the agenda of the first February Town Council meeting to authorize the Town Manager to sign a contract with Tanco Lighting Corporation to begin the process to analyze the exact costs of conversion to town owned street lights.

D. Public Hearing

There were no public hearings held.

E. New Items

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to add as Agenda Item L-13 appointment of a Justice of the Peace.

Adopted unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to add as Agenda Item N-4 to change the time of the February 28, 2017 Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously.

F. Public Comments

There were no public comments made.

G. Reading of Minutes

1. December 13, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Town Council Meeting.

Adopted unanimously.

H. Reading of Communications and Written Appeals.

1. Kathy Eagen – Opposition to Proposed Health District Consolidation
2. Kathy Eagen and Nancy Nickerson – Thank you letter to Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission

The Manager called the Council's attention to the communications that had been included in their packets mentioned above.

I. Report of Committees

1. UConn Health Committee(s)

The Chair reported the next meeting was January 27, 2017.

2. Land Acquisition Committee
3. Green Efforts Committee
4. Joint Town of Farmington/City of Hartford Committee

There were no reports for Agenda Items N-2 through N-4.

5. Bicycle Advisory Committee

Mr. Vibert thanked Matt Blume, who had recently left the employment of the Town of Farmington to work for the State Department of Transportation for the excellent

service and help he had given the Committee. He believed the Committee wouldn't have been as successful as it had been without Mr. Blume's work.

6. Farmington Gateway Committee

Mr. Mastrobattista reported the next meeting of the Committee was January 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. He asked any interested members of the public to attend the meeting, at which the BL Company would be presenting the final designs for the project for Committee approval.

7. Farmington High School Building Committee

Mrs. Trimble presented the Council with an Option D for a new high school in a different location than had been presented to the Council at their meeting by Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item I-7. The Committee had received this option at their January 4, 2017 meeting. She reminded the public all of the options and minutes were available on the Town's website. The Committee was to receive the cost estimates for Options A, B and D at their January 25, 2017. At that meeting the Committee will choose one option to move forward to the Board of Education for consideration.

J. Report of the Council Chair and Liaisons

1. Chair Report

The Chair reported she had attended the Rising Star Breakfast in Hartford at which Mayor Bronin of Hartford had been the keynote speaker. He had spoken about the financial difficulties of the State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford. She told the Council she would be attending a Valley Collaborative Meeting the following Thursday at which the local legislators would be attending and Farmington's legislators would be invited to the first meeting in February. She anticipated the discussion would be about the financial concerns of the State of Connecticut and its impact on the towns. She asked the Council and public to recognize Kathy Eagen for 23 years of service to the Town of Farmington.

2. Board of Education Liaison Report

3. Unionville Village Improvement Association Liaison Report

4. Town Plan and Zoning Liaison Report

5. Water Pollution Control Authority Report

6. Economic Development Commission Liaison Report

There were no reports for Agenda Items J-2 through J-6.

7. Human Relations Commission Report

Mrs. Suffredini reported the next meeting was scheduled for January 23, 2017. She thanked Matt Blume for his service to the Commission and felt he would be greatly missed.

8. Chamber of Commerce Report

9. Other Liaison Reports

There were no reports for Agenda Items J-8 or J-9.

K. Report of Town Manager

2017 Town Council Budget Schedule

The Manager reminded the Council the Budget schedule of meetings was included in their packet.

Nutmeg TV Air Dates, State Legislators Invitation

The Manager reviewed the schedule of Nutmeg TV's airing of the Town Council Meetings.

Sundays - 6:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Fridays - 12:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12 noon, 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays - 12 noon

Community Services Holiday Program Update

The Manager reviewed various activities the Community Service Department had done during the holiday season and thanked them for the excellent service they had provided the citizens of Farmington.

State Grants Estimate Report

The Manager reviewed the State Grant report recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item K-1. She discussed how the Town had received a mid-year cut to the Education Cost Savings Grant, which was mitigated by the Town's budgeting less than promised. She had concerns about further mid-year reductions and to next year's ECS Grant funds. She explained that the mid-year cut to the LOCIP Grant funds had no effect on this year's budget because the Town budgets a year behind with LOCIP Grant funds.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to accept the report of the Town Manager.

Adopted unanimously.

L. Appointments.

1. Plainville Area Cable TV Advisory Council (R)
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3. North Central Regional Mental Health Board, Inc. (Wienke)(R)
4. Building Code Board of Appeals (Hammerberg)(D)
5. Farmington Historic District Commission Alternate (Haviland)(R)
6. Housing Authority (Mason)(D)
7. Joint Green Efforts Committee (Foote)
8. Joint Green Efforts Committee (Olivo)

There were no appointments made for Agenda Items L-1 and L-8.

9. Farmington Valley Health District

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Jadwiga Goclowski be appointed to the Farmington Valley Health District for a three-year term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2019.

Adopted unanimously.

10. Farmington Valley Health District (Parlow) (D)
11. Housing Authority (Lawless) (R)
12. Town Plan & Zoning Commission (Fraprie) (R)

There was no action taken on Agenda Items L-10 through L-12.

13. Justice of the Peace

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) that Alexandra Thomas be appointed as a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Farmington beginning immediately and ending January 4, 2020.

Adopted unanimously.

M. Old Business.

There was no Old Business conducted.

N. New Business

1. To authorize the Town Manager to sign and execute the Agreement for an easement along Route 4 and Route 177 in conjunction with the State Project #51-269 Reconstruction of South Main Street at New Britain Avenue and Railroad Avenue.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to authorize the Town Manager to sign and execute an agreement for just compensation for an easement along Route 4 and Route 177 at the Cemetery in conjunction with the State Project #51-269 Reconstruction of South Main Street at New Britain Avenue and Railroad Avenue for traffic control appurtenances related to the above mentioned project.

Adopted unanimously.

2. To consider and take action on budget targets for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to take action on budget targets for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to amend the motion to set budget target ranges of 2.25 -2.75 for both the Town and Board of Education.

Adopted unanimously.

3. To approve property tax refunds.

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to approve the following property tax refunds:

NAME	REASON	AMOUNT
1)Acar Leasing Limited	Assessor's correction	\$145.63
2)Rakesh Agarwal	Double payment	\$1,425.51
3)Ari Fleet	Assessor's correction	\$1,367.81
4)T & B Giardini	Assessor's adjustment	\$383.09
5)Hyundai Lease Titling	Assessor's adjustment	\$36.60
6)JDA Farmington LLC	Assessor's adjustment	\$974.48
7)C Modha & T Manjula	Assessor's adjustment	\$137.10
8)Nissan Infiniti	Assessor's adjustment	\$269.70
9)Peggyann Rewenko	Assessor's adjustment	\$51.05
10)Vault Trust	Assessor's adjustment	\$763.82
	TOTAL:	\$5,554.79

Adopted unanimously.

4. To change the time of the February 28, 2017 Town Council Meeting

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to change the time of the February 28, 2017 Town Council Meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and to set a public hearing on the Town Manager's Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Adopted unanimously.

O. Executive Session

1. Records of a Law Enforcement Agency

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to move to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for the discussion of matters concerning records or information of a law enforcement agency with the Town Council. Town Manager, Joseph Swetcky, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, and Paul Melansom, Police Chief in attendance.

The Council returned to Open Session at 9:45 p.m.

2. Land Acquisition

There were no other Executive Sessions held.

P. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Adopted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula B. Ray

Paula B. Ray, Clerk

**Town of Farmington, CT
Street Light Purchase and Conversion
Summary Sheet**

Street Light Facts

Estimated Number of Lights: 1727

Typical Warranty on LED Lights: 10 years (1 year warranty on installation)

Estimated Lifecycle of LED Lights: 15 to 20 years

Project Cost

Estimated Purchase Cost from Eversource: \$650,000.00 (\$375/light)

Estimated Conversion to LED Street Lights: \$850,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$1,500,000.00

Estimated Rebate from Eversource: \$145,000.00

Net Project Cost: \$1,355,000.00

Annual Costs

Current Annual Energy and Maintenance: \$250,000.00

Projected Annual Energy and Maint.: \$60,000.00 (\$40,000.00 energy + \$20,000.00 maint.)

Projected Annual Savings: \$190,000.00

Simple Lease Payback

$\$1.35\text{million}/\$190,000 = 7.1$ years (uses all of annual savings to payback lease)

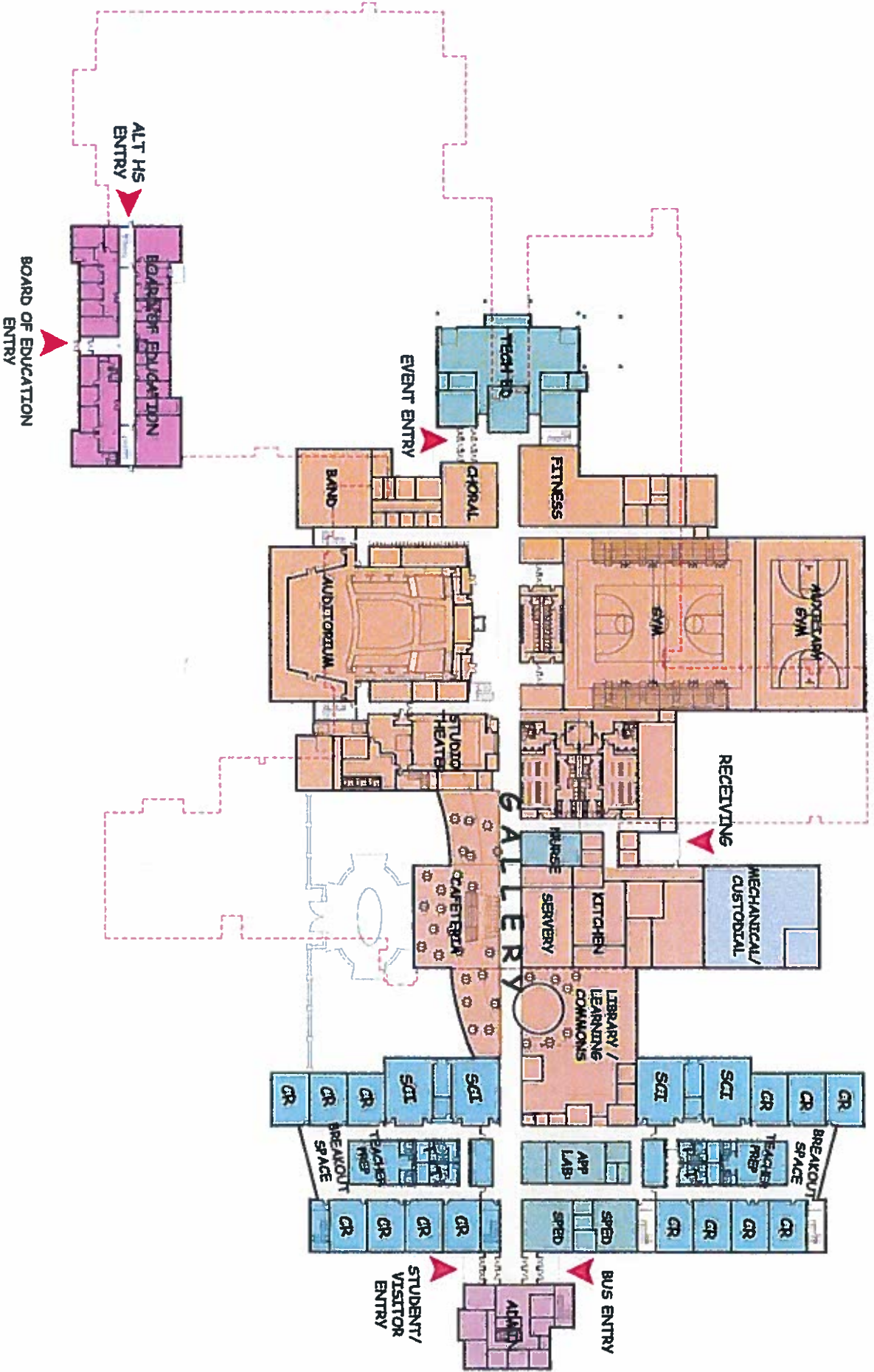
$\$1.35\text{million}/\$142,500 = 9.5$ years (uses 75% of annual savings to payback lease)

Benefits to Farmington

1. Cost Avoidance for the first 7 to 9 years (term of lease)
2. Approximately \$190,000.00 in annual savings after lease payback. Portion to be saved for the purchase of replacement lights at the end of their 15-20 year lifecycle.
3. Reduction in energy consumption by approximately 60%.

OPTION D - MAIN LEVEL

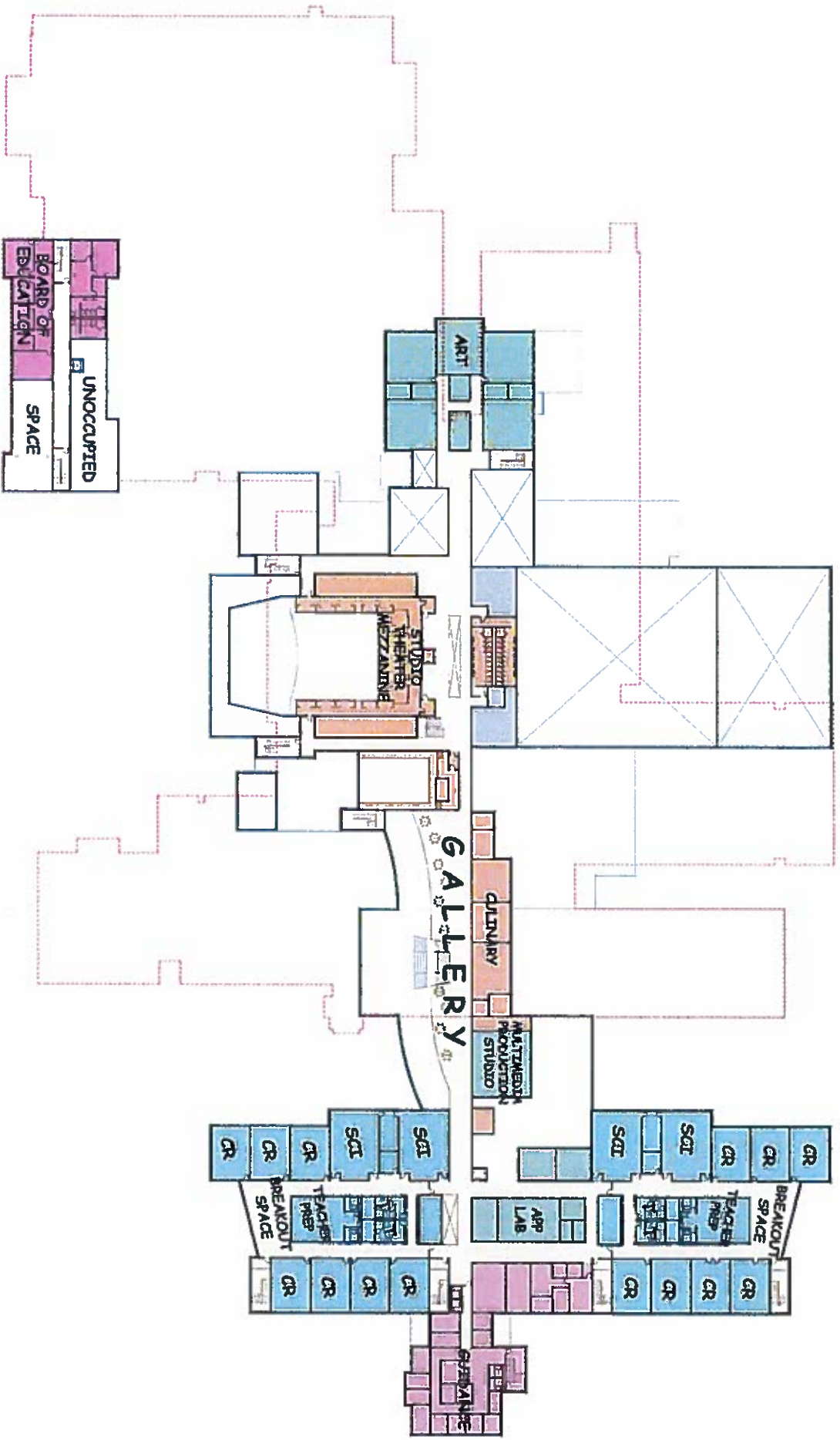
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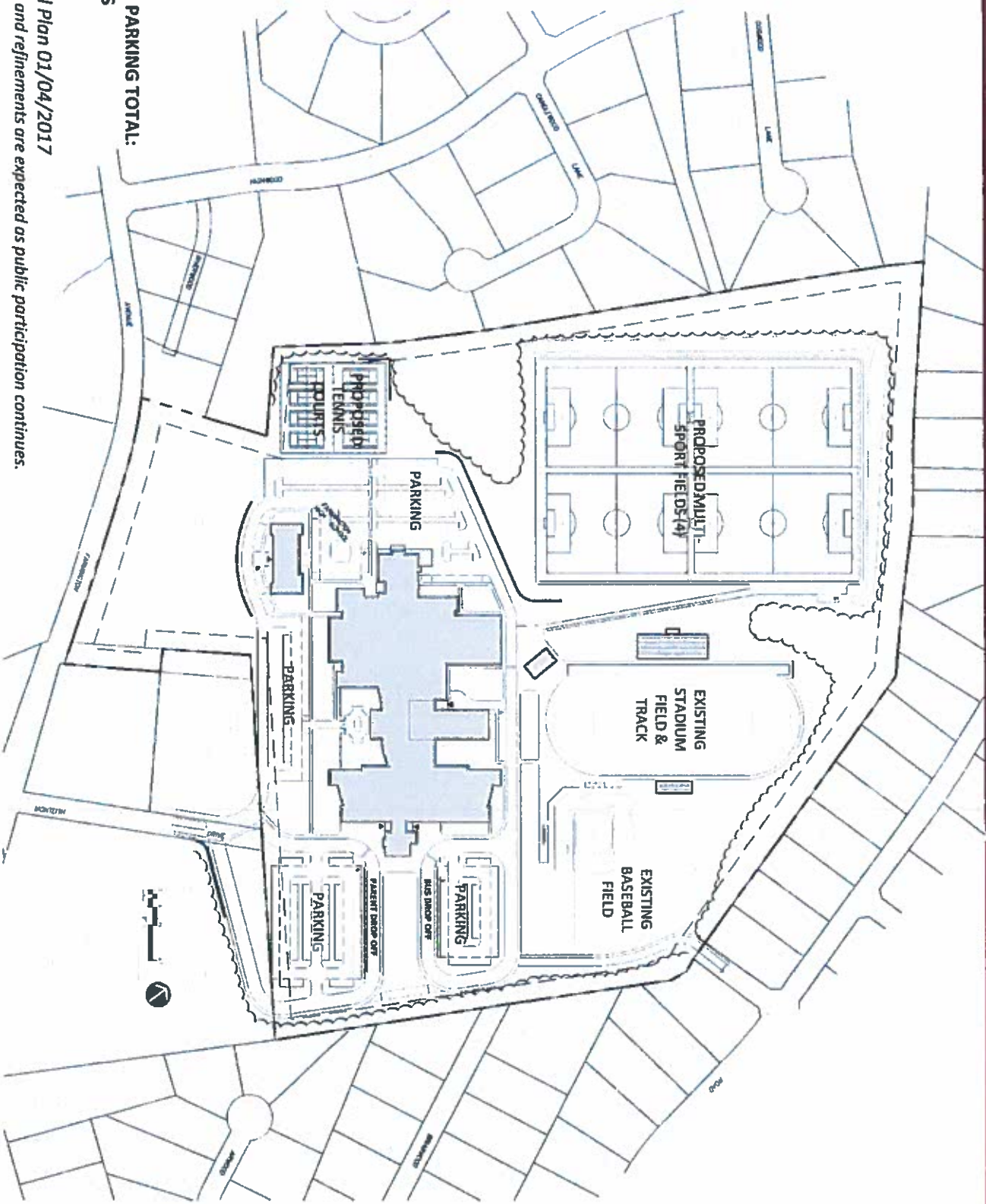
OPTION D - SECOND LEVEL

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associates, inc



Conceptual Plan 01/04/2017
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OPTION D - SITE



**PROPOSED PARKING TOTAL:
527 SPACES**

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FY2016/2017
 STATE GRANT ESTIMATES
 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	FY16/17 ADOPTED BUDGET	PER STATE OPM*	VARIANCE	RECEIVED TO 12/31/2016
PILOT: STATE PROPERTY	3,086,385	3,134,814	48,429	3,134,814
PILOT: COLLEGES & HOSPITALS	29,924	29,691	(233)	29,691
PEQUOT/MOHEGAN FUND GRANT	29,874	29,796	(78)	9,932
REVENUE SHARING-PROJECTS	545,804	545,804	-	-
REVENUE SHARING- SALES TAX	241,319	335,287	93,968	335,287
TOWN AID ROADS	373,341	373,438	97	186,719
EDUCATION GRANTS (ECS)	1,181,846	1,095,080 **	(86,766)	322,458
PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION GRT	16,577	-	(16,577)	-
TOTAL	5,505,070	5,543,910	38,840	4,018,901

* Source: State of Connecticut FY2015, FY2016 and FY2017 Estimates of State Formula Aid to Municipalities
 August 11, 2016

** On December 29, 2016 the Governor announced mid-year budget reductions to education grants and to the LOCIP program. The amount shown is the estimate of what the Town will receive for the ECS grant based upon the reduction.

The Governor also cut each Towns' FY2016/2017 LOCIP allocation. These funds are usually made available to municipalities in March. The Town of Farmington's grant reduction equaled \$137,501. The Town does not include the LOCIP grant in the operating budget. Rather these funds are used in future years to fund projects in the Capital Improvement Budget. The reduction therefore means that less funding will be available for Capital Projects in the FY2017/2018 budget.