

## **REPORT OF THE PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE**

During the 2006 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2006, the Permanent Building Committee was managing the following projects:

**Library:** The Library was substantially completed on May 13, 2003, and was opened to the public on June 1, 2003. During FY2006, the PBC corrected some HVAC noise and balancing issues and some additional electrical issues, which work reduced noise, improved the efficiency of the mechanical systems and reduced operating costs. The installation of gutters was completed at some roof locations for better control of water runoff. This work was done under the original appropriation and within the contingency.

**Bates Elementary School Addition and Renovation:** This project involved the addition of classrooms and a cafeteria/assembly room, and music room as well as extensive renovation of the old classrooms and administrative offices. Substantial completion of all areas of the school was achieved by December 2003 but it had opened for classes Sept 2003, significantly ahead of the original schedule of April 2004, and within the budget. The PBC dealt with warranty issues during Fiscal 2006 primarily the result of the bankruptcy of the electrical subcontractor. In July 2005, the PBC returned \$482,217 to the Town from the appropriation.

**Middle School Renovation:** At the December 2004 Special Town Meeting, \$26,175,000 was appropriated for the renovation of the Middle School. The project involves the replacement of the mechanical systems, hazardous material removal, replacement of the window systems as needed, installation of a new roof and reorganization of classroom and administrative space. Construction began in the spring of 2005 and is presently on schedule for completion in August 2007.

**High School Renovation:** The 2006 Annual Town Meeting appropriated \$175,000 for a study of the programmatic requirements of the high school. The funds were appropriated to the School Committee, which hired a consultant to conduct the study with the expectation of having it completed in the fall of 2006. It is anticipated that the School Committee will request design funds at a Special Town Meeting or the Annual Town Meeting in the spring of 2007.

**School Electrical Upgrades:** This project has been ongoing for a few years as the work progressed from one elementary school to another during periods when the schools are not in operation. It involves the replacement and improvement of the electrical distribution system in the elementary schools. The electrical work at Fiske Elementary School was done in calendar 2005.

**Pre-School Building:** The December 2004 Special Town Meeting appropriated \$2,830,000 for the construction of a new pre-school at the Fiske Elementary School. The building consists of six classrooms, support and administrative space. A construction contract was awarded on March 31, 2005 and construction was completed in December 2005.

**Highway Garage Electric Upgrades:** On July 1, 2006 the PBC awarded a contract in the amount of \$868,531.00 for the upgrade of the electrical services to the Highway Garage. The work commenced is currently underway. It is anticipated to be completed on March 2007. The work included an increase electrical service from 1000 amps to 1600 amps to accommodate welding equipment, ventilation and a/c, computers, printers, etc., replacement of outdated and out of code distribution panels, replacement of undersized and outdated emergency generators, upgrade of all circuits, grounding conductors, wiring, emergency lighting and fire alarm equipment to code and replacement of older low foot-candle lighting fixtures with energy-efficient lighting appropriate to the specific work areas.

Fiske and Schofield Modular Classrooms: The 2006 Annual Town Meeting appropriated \$2,320,000 for the installation of 3 additional classrooms at Fiske and 4 additional classrooms at Schofield using modular construction. On June 1, 2006, the PBC awarded a construction contract to Williams/Scotsman. Work is currently underway with an October 30, 2006 completion date.

Municipal Facilities Building Project (MLP/DPW): PBC guided a team of representatives of MLP, DPW, Water & Sewer and Earth Tech Architects through the design and bid process for modular MLP garage and DPW garage and Town office space. Because the bids for modular construction were considered high by the PBC and the other boards, it was decided to request funds at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting for traditional design of the two garages and office space. As of the close of the fiscal year, the architect was preparing construction documents and the PBC and boards were completing the permitting process.