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A Resolution regarding the future use of property at 20 South Hampton Road

Summary: As the discussion proceeds on the future use of 20 South Hampton Road, this resolution aims to support and inform the Amesbury Public School District to maintain control of the property so that it is available for future needs of the District.

Whereas, Amesbury Elementary School is located on property at 20 South Hampton Road and is under the control and supervision of the Amesbury School District, and

Whereas, the current Amesbury Elementary School will cease being used as a school with the construction of a new school located elsewhere in the City, and

Whereas, the majority of residents and abutters in the South Hampton Road area have expressed concerns in petitions, community forums, and in various online surveys about the future use of this property and do not wish to see the property abandoned especially given the potential adverse impact on property values, and

Whereas, the Amesbury School District has the authority to decide on future use of this property or may decide to turn this property over to the City, and

Whereas, the current mix of school infrastructure indicates the very likely need for a new school to serve the needs of the district, and

Whereas, the continued control of this site by the Amesbury Public School District will provide the needed flexibility to utilize this site for future expansion for educational or extracurricular needs,

Be it resolved by the City Council assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the City Council recommends to the Amesbury Public Schools District and School Committee that the District not relinquish control of the property at 20 South Hampton Road, and further expresses its desire for the site to be reserved for use of a future school facility or related athletic fields.

The Council further expresses its desire that the City act on its Capital Improvement Plan to set aside and expend funds for any applicable repairs to existing stormwater systems on the site as soon as it is practicable. Such capital improvements shall prepare the site for potential future use.