

# Portsmouth Middle School Needs Assessment

## Study Committee

SEPTEMBER, 2003

### September, 2003

The School Board formed the Portsmouth Middle School Needs Assessment Study Committee (NASC)

Nancy Novelline Clayburgh	School Board
Clay Harward	School Board
Nanci Craig	School Board
Raimond Bowles	School Board - Alternate
Steve Marchant	City Council
Tom Bolko	PMS Teacher - 6th Grade
Laura Barone	PMS Teacher - 7th Grade
Ken Hawkins	PMS Teacher - 8th Grade
John M. Stokel	PMS Principal
Peter Torrey	Business Administrator
Helen Maldini	Newington School Board
Carl Diemer	Public Representative

# Portsmouth Middle School Needs Assessment Study Committee

JUNE, 2004

## June, 2004

- The **Needs Assessment Study Committee** decided that Parrot Avenue **WAS NOT** an option and began looking at other sites.
- The Committee considered other sites with 15 acres of contiguous land, 80% of which must be “buildable.”
- The Committee chooses Sagamore Creek and asks Team Design to move forward.

2005 - 2006 School Year  
Team Design works on conceptual designs  
for Sagamore Creek

# Portsmouth Middle School Needs Assessment

## Study Committee

JANUARY, 2006

New make up of the Committee re-raised the question of Parrot Avenue

Nancy Novelline Clayburgh	School Board
Mitchell Shuldman	School Board
Sheri Ham Garrity	School Board
Ned Raynolds	City Council
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# City of Portsmouth Joint School Advisory

## Committee

AUGUST, 2006

### August, 2006

The Joint School Advisory Committee was formed and charged to re-examine the question of where to best site the middle school

Nancy Novelline Clayburgh	School Board
Mitchell Shuldman	School Board
Sheri Ham Garrity	School Board
Joanne Grasso	City Council
Ned Raynolds	City Council
Thomas Ferrini, Asst. Mayor	City Council
Rose Sulley	Public Representative
Eric Weinrieb	Public Representative Planning
Anthony Coviello	Board Rep.
John M. Stokel, PMS Principal	Ex Officio
Stephen Bartlett, Business Administrator	Ex Officio
Helen Maldini, Newington SB	Ex Officio
Dr. Robert Lister, Superintendent.	Ex Officio

# Portsmouth Listens

## April - July 2007

Portsmouth Listens study circles recommended the School Board and the City Council “**make it work**” on Parrot Avenue.

**Emerging Themes:**

- Consider building to the right.
- Cultural and community connections
- Honor the City’s Master Plan
- Accessible to downtown
- Within walking distance for some
- Historic preservation of current building
- Conservation of open green space (Sagamore Creek)
- Protect the environment

# Portsmouth Listens

## **August, 2007**

School Board sent letter to City Council stating it is “prepared to support Parrot Avenue” if certain criteria are met:

- Maintain the middle school concept with grades 6,7,8
- The building design must sustain the program
- Maximize the safety of students and staff with regards to traffic, parent pick-up and drop-off,
- Ensure security, sufficient athletic fields to satisfy the middle school sports program and adequate parking

# Request For Qualifications

## **August, 2007**

City conducts RFQ

## **September, 2007**

City receives RFQ and selection committee begins to narrow the field.

## **December, 2007**

Four firms were interviewed

## **January, 2008**

JCJ and D/S Architects were hired to develop design alternatives [Phase I]

## **Selection Committee**

- Steve Parkinson, *Dir. of Public Works*
- Suzanne Woodland, *Asst. City Attorney*
- John Stokel, *Principal, PMS*
- Dr. Robert Lister, *Superintendent*
- Dan Hartrey, *Community Development*
- Steve Bartlett, *Business Administrator*
- Ann Walker, *School Board*
- Mitch Shuldman, *School Board.*

# JCJ & DeStefano Architects

## **May & June, 2008**

JCJ holds 2 sets of community workshops: Program & Design Alternatives

## **June, 2008**

Joint School Board / City Council Work Session

## **August, 2008**

Architects present options to the School Board. School Board notifies City Council of its preferred option – TO THE LEFT!