

City of Framingham



The City Council of Framingham



ORDER NO. 2024-073-002 REQUEST OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

That the City appropriate the amount of Two Million Six Hundred Thousand (\$2,600,000) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study for a new elementary school – Hemenway School to be located at [insert address], including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of [the School Building Committee]. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority.

The City acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

FURTHER ORDERED: that the \$600,000 portion of the \$9,089,150 appropriated by the City Council under Order Number 2021-063-002 for MSBA Feasibility Study – Future Elementary School is hereby rescinded.

FIRST READING:

YEAS: Cannon, King, Leombruno, Long, Mallach, Ottaviani, Steiner, Ward,
White Harvey
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Alexander, Bryant. All members were present in person or via
teleconference.

VOTED IN COUNCIL: November 10, 2025

City of Framingham



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SECOND READING:

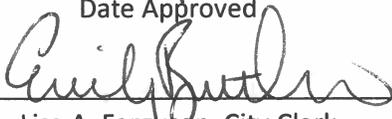
YEAS: Bryant, Cannon, King, Leombruno, Long, Mallach, Ottaviani, Steiner,
Ward, White Harvey
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Alexander. All members were present in person or via teleconference.

VOTED IN COUNCIL: November 18, 2025

A True Record, Attest:

11/20/25

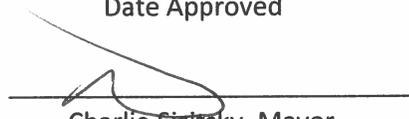
Date Approved



Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily L. Butler, Assistant City Clerk

11/24/25

Date Approved



Charlie Sistsky, Mayor



CITY OF FRAMINGHAM

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To: Mayor Charles J. Sisitsky
Michael A. Tusino, III, Chief Operating Officer
From: Jennifer A. Pratt, Chief Financial Officer
Date: November 5, 2024
Re: Order # 2024-073 Request for Bond Authorization for the Hemenway School Feasibility Study - MSBA

On December 13, 2023, the City of Framingham received notification that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”) Board of Directors voted to invite the Statement of Interest for Hemenway Elementary School into the MSBA’s Eligibility Period. This invitation encompasses grades Kindergarten through 5 and includes the potential to explore Pre-K student accommodations during the feasibility study phase.

The 270-day Eligibility Period marks the formal initiation of the MSBA’s grant approval process, offering the City a structured timeline to fulfill preliminary requirements, assess financial and community readiness, and identify necessary resources for planning and budgeting. Completion of these Eligibility Period activities may qualify the City to apply for an MSBA Feasibility Study invitation.

The Eligibility Period for the City commenced on June 3, 2024, and will conclude on February 28, 2025. Among the requirements is a Local Vote Authorization, due by February 28, 2025. To satisfy this requirement, the City Council is requested to authorize a bond for the Hemenway School Feasibility Study in the amount of \$2,600,000. The Council previously authorized \$600,000 for this purpose (Order 2021-063-002), which will be rescinded with this new vote. The revised amount reflects an assessment of comparable projects in other communities of similar scale. The City’s bond counsel has prepared the order, which has received MSBA approval.

Please find additional information attached for reference. Thank you for your consideration.

Timing Requirements to meet MSBA schedule of deliverable 02/28/2025:

11/19/2024 Submit to City Council for referral to Finance Subcommittee
11/26/2024 Finance Subcommittee consideration and referral back to City Council
12/03/2024 City Council Public Hearing
12/17/2024 City Council Vote
01/17/2025 Expiration of 31 Day Referendum Period
01/20/2025 Submit Vote to MSBA



ORDER NO. 2021-063-002
REQUEST OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

CITY OF FRAMINGHAM

IN COUNCIL

ORDERED: that \$9,089,150 is appropriated to pay costs of the following General Fund capital projects, provided that the Administration explore issuing mini municipal bonds to allow participation by small local investors:

Department	Capital Project Name	Amount
Cemeteries	2021 Kubota Mini Excavator	\$73,629
Facilities Management	Memorial Building Exterior Envelope Repairs for Masonry	\$2,094,680
Facilities Management	Pearl Street Garage stairwell repairs and masonry patching	\$235,000
Engineering	Edgell Rd/Central St Intersection - Final Design	\$340,000
Engineering	Union Ave Right of Way, Nonparticipating & Construction Services	\$1,340,000
Engineering	Arlington St Area Drains & Roads (Phase 1) – Design	\$415,000
Fire	Safety/Training Officer Response Vehicle – Fire Apparatus Asset Replacement	\$65,000
Fleet	Consolidated Vehicle/Equipment	\$816,000
Highway	Carlson Road Roadway	\$150,000
Highway	Various Road Improvements - FY22	\$1,000,000
Highway	Various Traffic Calming - FY22	\$150,000
Library	New Teen Area Main Library	\$150,000

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and for the payment of costs incidental and related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Mayor or her designee; that the Mayor is authorized to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, permanent easements and temporary construction easements or other interests in land for said projects; that the Mayor is authorized to take all actions necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this order; and, further, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer is authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to issue from time to time bonds or notes in such amount pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority. Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Motion to approve the FY-22 Capital Budget, not including items held for discussion.

YEAS: Bryant, Cannon, Case, King, Leombruno, Long, Ottaviani, Shepard, Stefanini,
Steiner, Stewart-Morales

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: All members were present in person or via teleconferencing

PASSED IN COUNCIL: June 15, 2021

A True Record, Attest:

6/25/21

Date Approved

Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily Butler, Assistant City Clerk

6/29/21

Date Approved

Yvonne M. Spicer, Mayor

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December 13, 2023

Framingham, Hemenway Elementary School Eligibility Period Board Action Letter

If the City has concerns about meeting any of the deadlines set forth on page three of this letter, please notify the MSBA in writing by June 3, 2024. If you have questions or would like additional information regarding the Eligibility Period, please refer to our website and/or contact Jennifer Flynn at the MSBA (Jennifer.Flynn@MassSchoolBuildings.org).

I look forward to continuing to work with you throughout the MSBA's grant program process. As always, feel free to contact me or my staff at (617) 720-4466 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mary L. Pichetti
Executive Director

Cc: Legislative Delegation
Philip R. Ottaviani, Jr., Chair, Framingham City Council
Jessica Barnhill, Chair, Framingham School Committee
Dr. Robert A. Tremblay, Superintendent, Framingham Public Schools
File: 10.2 Letters (Region 4)

**City of Framingham – Hemenway Elementary School
Feasibility Study/Schematic Design Appropriation Table**

District	School	Current Grades/Enrollment	Consolidation/Configuration Agreed upon Study Enrollments	FS/SD Appropriation Amount	Superintendent Contact Information
East Bridgewater	Central Elementary School	PK-2/515	PK-2/510 PK-3/680	\$1,500,000	Elizabeth Legault 508-378-8200 ilegault@ebps.net
Marlborough	Richer Elementary School	K-5/578	K-5/950 With expansion at Kane Elementary School K-5/870	\$2,000,000	Mary Murphy 508-460-3509 mmurphy@mpps-edu.org
Dracut	Joseph E Campbell Elementary School	PK-5/596	K-5/580 Consolidated K-5/860	\$1,000,000	Steven Stone 978-957-2660 x8002 ssone@dracutps.org
Leominster	Fall Brook Elementary School	K-5/615	K-5/610	\$2,500,000	Paula Deacon 978-534-7700 x334 paula.deacon@leominsterschools.org
Reading	J Warren Killam Elementary School	K-5/406	K-5/455	\$2,200,000	Dr. Thomas Milaschewski 781-944-5800 thomas.milaschewski@reading.k12.ma.us
Burlington	Fox Hill Elementary School	K-5/428	K-5/325 Consolidated K-5/640	\$1,500,000 (2020)	Dr. Eric Conti 781-270-1801 conti@bpsk12.org

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SECOND READING:

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Cannon, King, Leombruno, Long, Mallach, Ottaviani,
Steiner, Ward, White Harvey

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: All members were present in person

VOTED IN COUNCIL: December 17, 2024

A True Record, Attest:

12/18/2024

Date Approved

Lisa A. Ferguson

Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk

Emily L. Butler, Assistant City Clerk

12/18/24

Date Approved

Charlie Sisitsky
Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor