

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 16**

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to lease for a term not to exceed twenty (20) years rooftop space on the Runkle School building for the purpose of hosting a rooftop solar photovoltaic installation (solar panels and appurtenant equipment), subject to any authorizations, approvals and reviews, on such terms and conditions determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interest of the Town. Or act on anything relative thereto.

## **EXPLANATION** **ARTICLE 16**

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The Town has been in contract negotiations with developer BlueWave Capital, LLC, Boston, Massachusetts, to install solar photovoltaic arrays on several municipal buildings, including the Runkle School.

As of late 2016, BlueWave Capital partnered with a new installer, IGS Solar LLC, which requires an easement or roof lease agreement to install the panels. Once a lease agreement is in place, the Town can resume negotiations with BlueWave to execute the contract. At this time, the Board is seeking permission to grant a lease agreement for rooftop space on the Runkle School, which would be the first site available for installation by summer 2017.

## **BACKGROUND FROM PLANNING DEPT.**

Here is the information that has been made available to the Board of Selectmen for your reference. The contract is not final and therefore has not been submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

### **Hearings**

**SCAC hearing:** June 13, 2016

**BOS hearing:** July 12, 2016

- **Agenda** <http://apps.brooklinema.gov/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=262&doctype=AGENDA>
- **Minutes** <http://apps.brooklinema.gov/sirepub/mtgviewer.aspx?meetid=262&doctype=MINUTES>
- Presentation to BOS: Blue Wave to BOS (attached)

**School Committee:** July 26, 2016

Vote to approve installation of solar arrays on Runkle School:

- **Agenda** <http://www.brooklinema.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/07262016-4012>

- Minutes [http://www.brooklinema.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/\\_07262016-4012](http://www.brooklinema.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_07262016-4012)

**Library Trustees:** July 12, I believe (though not pertinent to WA 16)

**Other relevant information**

1 – BOS Notices:

Mailed on June 28 for July 12 BOS Hearing on 4 sites (to abutters within 300 foot radius of each site)

2 – BOS Website resources

<http://www.brooklinema.gov/1326/Solar-Panels-Municipal-Sites>

3 – Status Contracts: Runkle installation is only site viable at this time. Contract with Runkle is not final.

4- Contract's Technical Reviewer: Cadmus Group

5 – Town Counsel: John Buchheit