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List of working groups and their purposes:

Becker Education Working Group (5 members)

- (1) School Committee member
- (1) Select Board member (R. Antanavica)
- (3) Members of the public

Purpose: To make recommendations regarding the buildings to be used for educational purposes by the Leicester Schools and any changes that need to be made to accomplish those purposes, including:

- **Timeline and process for the movement of classes from Leicester school buildings to the Becker campus**
- **Costing out short-term renovations to make the buildings suitable for use**
- **Examine future expansion and construction options**
- **Make final recommendations to the Select Board regarding buildings to be used for educational purposes, both short and long term.**

Becker Building Condition Working Group (5 members)

- (1) Select Board member (H. Duggan)
- (1) Advisory Committee member
- (3) Members of the public

Ad hoc members – Town Inspectors

Purpose: To inspect each building and put forward the recommendations on condition and repair for each building, as well as grounds items such as walkways, stairs and railings. Included:

- **Estimated repair costs**
- **Addressing ADA concerns and other inspectional issues**
- **Cost/benefit analysis – ex: Selling a building “as-is” vs. affecting needed repairs**
- **Examining the possibilities of repurposing buildings for other uses**
- **Costing out rebranding of all campus facilities**

Becker Veterinary Clinic Reuse Working Group (5 members)

- (1) Select Board member (A. Phillips)
- (1) Advisory Committee member
- (3) Members of the public

Purpose: To make specific recommendations regarding the Veterinary Clinic. Included:

- **Determination of equipment required to fully outfit the facility**
- **Explore and market the possibility of utilizing the clinic as part of a regional technical collaborative**
- **Determine whether there is a market for a private veterinary business on a lease basis**
- **Explore using adjacent property for a dog park**

Becker Zoning Working Group (5 members)

- (1) Select Board member (J. Shocik)
- (1) Planning Board member
- (1) ZBA member
- (2) Members of the public

Ad hoc- Town Planner

Purpose: To determine whether the Becker College zoning should be changed to accommodate other potential uses. Included:

- **Determining uses available under current regulations**
- **Examining possibilities of overlay districts or other zoning amendments to expand use potential**

Becker Reuse Working Group (7 members)

(1) Select Board member (D. Provencher)
(1) Planning Board member
(1) EDC Member
(4) Members of the public
Ad hoc Student Liaison

Purpose: To vet suggestions for reuse/disposal of surplus campus buildings, and to give recommendations to the Select Board. Included:

- **Compiling reports from five-member working groups to be used in final recommendation**
- **Assemble a complete campus use plan, utilizing all components, educational, condition, veterinary, and zoning to craft a comprehensive use strategy.**
- **Work with Mass Development on housing initiatives**
- **Presents final report to Select Board**

Becker Athletic/Recreation Working Group (7 members)

(1) Select Board member (A. Phillips)
(1) Member of Parks and Recreation
(1) School Committee member
(4) Members of the public

Purpose: To determine recreational uses for the Becker Campus, and to full discuss the concept of the scheduling of all Town Fields and Parks. Included:

- **Creating a single scheduling entity for all town fields and gymnasiums**
- **Making recommendations for scheduling going forward, with by committee or paid employee**
- **Assessing needs for future programs**

Becker Finance Working Group (7 members)

(1) Select Board member (D. Provencher)
(1) Member of the Advisory Committee
(1) School Committee member
(4) Members of the public

Purpose: To examine funding options and to make recommendations as to how the Town can best afford to operate and maintain the campus. Included:

- **Costing of campus operations**
- **Costing of campus improvements**
- **Determining funding mechanisms, including rentals, leases, property disposition, tax rate support, school contributions**
- **Calculating future expenses**

Swan Library Reuse Working Group

(2) Select Board Members (J. Shocik, A. Phillips)
(1) Member of the public

Purpose: To evaluate a proposal to rent the Swan Library to a nonprofit group and make appropriate recommendations to the Select Board.