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At this time it seems that the following items are reasonably certain:

- (1) The Town of Reading should build an incinerator at the John Street site.
- (2) The incinerator will have capacity for the Town of Reading for approximately 20-25 years. In the early years of operation, rubbish may be received from private contractors or other towns.
- (3) The incinerator would be designed to cover all State or Federal Air Pollution requirements now in existence or planned for the immediate future.
- (4) Once the incinerator is in operation, the Town should institute a collection system to include both garbage and refuse.

— As part of our report, we have representatives from American Design & Development with a short film and commentary on Melt-Zit process. We feel that it should be understood that this is not an endorsement of the process but because we have received many inquiries about high heat incineration, we ask the Town Meeting's permission to show this film. (Picture shown)

On motion of George W. Cochrane, 3rd, it was voted to accept report as a report of progress.

ARTICLE 1. The following report was read by Neil H. Murray, Chairman for the School Construction Committee:

REPORT OF PROGRESS OF THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

The School Construction Committee herewith makes its report of progress on the J. Warren Killam, Jr. Elementary School and the additions to the Reading Memorial High School.

The elementary school construction is proceeding on schedule with foundation work soon to be started. As of this date, we are confident that this new facility will be completed by September 1, 1969. Progress may best be observed by a drive past the site from time to time.

Planning for the high school addition has not proceeded as rapidly as originally expected. Some areas of the education programming have yet to be solved. At this time, the committee has received several architectural proposals for satisfying the educational specifications and programs. These proposals are currently being studied jointly with the School Administration and the School Committee. Due to the overall complexity of the addition in relation to the existing building, a deeper study of all alternatives is required to yield the most satisfactory and economical solution to meet Reading's needs.

As Town Meeting Members, we know of your deep concern regarding the cost of this addition. Let me assure you that this concern is shared by the Construction Committee. It must be recognized that the high school is being doubled in size, and as a result will be costly. A projected cost is not

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available at this time due to the complexity of the addition as previously noted. In an attempt to keep costs down, the committee is coordinating with the School Building Assistance Bureau as to what specifically constitutes a teaching station and, based on this answer, how many teaching stations are required to meet the educational program.

The completion of the preliminary planning period is estimated to be late summer or early fall. When the preliminary plans are completed, the committee will request a Special Town Meeting to seek funds for final plans. Final plans are estimated to require in excess of \$200,000 which is a bondable amount and can therefore be appropriated after the tax rate has been set if the Town Meeting so votes.

As reported in the press, the committee will propose a Field House to meet the state imposed physical educational requirements. An alternate to this approach will be presented at the reporting of final preliminary plans. The field house will include such features as track, locker room facilities, apparatus room, and corrective and general classrooms. The committee feels strongly that such a field house will be an asset not only to the school system but to the entire town. Field Houses are either in existence or being planned for in Lexington, Woburn, Belmont and Winchester, to name a few. The concept is not new.

The addition is expected to be a multi-story structure housing classrooms and laboratory facilities. The wing will be situated to the west of the present structure and will be supported by reinforced concrete columns in order to minimize the known ledge problems. A library or resource center will be common to both the new structure and the existing building. Certain renovations to the present school will have to be made; however, it is hoped that these alterations will be minimal. The field house has already been discussed.

In conclusion, the committee would like to stress once again that the cooperation of all pertinent town committees and departments has been steadfast and invaluable.

On motion of Donald R. Walker it was voted to accept report as a report of progress.

On motion of C. Dewey Smith it was voted to place Article 1 on the table.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of C. Dewey Smith it was voted that the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the purpose of adding said sum to the funds appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting held March 4, 1968, for the purchase of a new pumping engine for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Charles Stratton, as amended by Robert M. Graham, it was voted that the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for engineering services for the Conservation Commission, such sums to be expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission.

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and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized, em-
powered and instructed to make such transfer to carry out the purpose
of this vote.

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Neil H. Murray it was voted that
the sum of Six Million Nine Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Six Hun-
dred Seventy-six Dollars (\$6,998,676.00) be raised and appropriated for
the purpose of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an
addition to the Reading Memorial High School upon adjacent land
owned by the Town, said addition to increase the floor space of the
same, and for the remodelling, reconstructing and making extraordi-
nary repairs to the Reading Memorial High School and to meet that
portion of said appropriation to be used for constructing, originally
equipping and furnishing said addition, the sum of Six Million Eight
Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$6,835,000.00) be borrowed
under and pursuant to Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended,
and that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Se-
lectmen be and he hereby is authorized to borrow said sum and to
issue at one time or from time to time bonds or notes of the Town
therefor, and each issue of said bonds or notes to be payable in accord-
ance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws in not more than twenty (20)
years from its date or at such earlier time as the Treasurer and
Selectmen may determine; and to meet that portion of said appropri-
ation to be used for the said remodelling, reconstructing and making
extraordinary repairs, the sum of Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred
Seventy-six Dollars (\$18,676.00) be transferred from Surplus Revenue
and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized, empowered
and instructed to make the said transfer to carry out the purpose
of this vote, and the sum of One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars
(\$145,000.00) be borrowed under Clause 3A of Section 7 of Chapter
44 of the General Laws as amended, and that the Town Treasurer, with
the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he hereby is authorized
to borrow the said sum within the statutory limit and to issue at one
time or from time to time bonds or notes of the Town, payable in
accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that each such
issue shall be paid in not more than ten (10) years from its date or
at such earlier time as the Treasurer and Selectmen shall determine;
and the School Construction Committee, established under a vote of
the Town at the Annual Meeting held March 6, 1967, is hereby author-
ized to proceed with the construction of the said addition, remodelling,
reconstruction and making extraordinary repairs to the said Reading
Memorial High School, and to enter into all contracts and agreements
in respect thereto and to do all other acts and things necessary or
proper for carrying out the provisions of this vote.

126 voted in the affirmative

37 voted in the negative

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