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Subject: Inquiry on Town Council Representation at PMBC Meetings

Hello Members of the Town Council,

I'm writing with a specific question regarding the Permanent Municipal Building Committee (PMBC). I was unable to locate contact information for PMBC Chair Joseph Gush, so I'd appreciate it if you could loop them into this conversation.

At the Board of Education meeting on February 11th, there was considerable discussion about the progress of the JWL HVAC project, and concerns were raised regarding Town Council attendance at PMBC meetings. My own quick review of the PMBC meeting minutes from the past year revealed that only 3 out of 15 meetings had any Town Council representation—with a 10-month stretch showing no attendance at all.

I understand that the members of the Town Council cannot attend every committee meeting given the number of groups in Ledyard. However, to better understand what right looks like in relation to the PMBC meetings, I would like clarification on a few points:

- What are the Town Council's expectations regarding its own representation at PMBC meetings?
- What are Chair Gush's expectations for Town Council involvement?
- If there is a gap between these expectations, what steps are being taken to bridge it?

I ask these questions not only out of concern for the HVAC project's timely completion (I'd love to see it finished before my first grader enters JWL, especially as my fourth grader has already faced extreme heat issues) but also to help ensure that our community's key projects are well-supported through effective interagency communication.

I appreciate all the work being done by the Town Council, Board of Education, and PMBC, and I thank you for taking the time to address these questions.

Respectfully,

Christopher Jelden