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**[CE SBAC] Option E is the most viable path forward**

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Good morning,

As with most major decisions in life, there's significant analysis and assumptions, there are unknowns and then ultimately, you make the call.

Cape Elizabeth is on the precipice of a major decision that will infiltrate every aspect of the town- it will define our shared future, willingness to invest in our community, and demonstrate our commitment (or lack thereof) to education.

The analysis has been done and redone- it is thorough enough to inform a decision. Option E is a compromise but enables best return on investment and least disruption to students, educators, and staff.

I will not vote for any other option as they are a waste of both time and resources. If they are brought forward, it is a clear signal that Cape Elizabeth is more focused on a low tax rate and the continuing chronic underinvestment in town facilities.

For the people for whom a tax increase would be financially devastating, use the same approach used in schools. With documented financial hardship, create a mechanism to offset the cost for those in our community. This can be solved, if people are willing to work for solutions.

Be very careful of those who WON'T pay versus those who CAN'T pay. Standing up in a meeting and claiming hardship on behalf of others is a red herring. We can invest in our infrastructure AND offer tax relief to those who need it.

The time has come to take the decision- have courage, do the right thing for all of us, Option E.

Thank you,  
Meighan Rock  
6 Wabun Road

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