

Updates to the Town of Liberty from the Walker Future Committee 10/1/25:

- The most recent public meeting was held 7/31/25
- Community Resiliency Partnership through MCOG (Midcoast Council of Governments) is being processed. Currently the Liberty Selectboard is in the process of identifying possible town projects this Community Action Grant could support, including improvements to the Walker School. There will be an opportunity for public input prior to final grant application. These funds are available for up to 75,000. and do not require matching funds. The 10/21/25 Select Board meeting has been set for discussion and input from the town about town projects.
- MCOG received a grant through the Redevelopment Landbank that provides funds for Brooks and Liberty to have a building study completed by bild Architecture (Portland). The walk-through with the architect and the Walker Future Committee was completed on 9/10/25. It is anticipated the report will be available to us by mid November. This report will identify needed repairs/code updates/ etc. that would be required should be accept the building and make renovations to support different scenarios that were identified through our public meeting and survey results.
- A demographic study of the Town and surrounding areas is being completed by Charlotte Nutt of MCOG. We expect that this information will be available and presented to the town at the same time the bild Architect report is reviewed.
- The US Environmental Protection Agency has awarded a grant to MCOG to hire qualified environmental consultants to assist with assessment and cleanup plans for contaminants (lead, asbestos, PCB, mold etc.) The Walker Future Committee has agreed to participate in this opportunity in order to confirm that contaminants are not present in the Walker building. RSU #3 facilities director was supportive of this work. The RSU #3 Board is reviewing. It is anticipated that assessments and cleanups could start in October 2025.
- Currently the committee is asking the RSU #3 board for clarification on the following: 1. What items will remain in and outside the building once/if ownership is transferred to the Town of Liberty 2. There is some ambiguity regarding ownership of the land surrounding the school. Some documents indicate RSU #3 ownership and some indicate Town of Liberty ownership and/or joint ownership. The Town needs clarification about ownership prior to voting for acceptance of the building and surrounding property.

Important points

- The RSU #3 Board voted to maintain the Walker and Brooks buildings through the 25/26 school year.
- The next committee meeting of Brooks Committee and Walker Future Committee will be in Liberty. The date is TBD. It was decided to meet once reports have been received.
- Once reports have been received, the Walker Committee will offer a public meeting and post the information to the town website. This will probably be late Nov. or early Dec.
- The expectation of RSU #3 and Liberty Selectboard is that we vote to accept or not accept the school sometime in January 2026. This timeframe allows for both the RU #3 Board and Liberty Selectboard to develop their respective budgets.

