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GRS Cooperative School Building Committee Marks One Year of Work

On September 13, 2005, the GRS Building Committee sat down in the library of the Gorham Middle High School for the very first time. "One year later, I am honored to call all the members of the Committee, my colleagues and friends," says Ben Mayerson Chairman of the Committee. "In the last twelve months, nine citizens of Gorham, Randolph, and Shelburne have worked tirelessly, to move the process forward to improve the building conditions of the Ed Fenn and GMHS.

The Committee membership currently includes: Bob Demers, Conrad Deutsch, Reed Leberman, and Jean Tremblay, all from Gorham, Craig Buralow and Katie Kelly of Randolph, and Nancy Burleson, John Carpenter, and Ben Mayerson from Shelburne.

The Committee's work has many phases between its beginning and the culmination of their work, when the school construction projects are complete. During the last twelve months they have launched a campaign effort to keep the public up to date, reviewed updated studies, interviewed prospective Architects and Construction Managers, and made recommendations to the School Board for their consideration.

Using a list of ideas and several statements, perhaps one of the most important steps has been the crafting and adoption of the Committee's vision statement. "*Our vision is to provide school facilities that are healthy, safe, modern, efficient, and support lifelong learning for our students, faculty, staff, and local communities, now and for future generations.*" Though it seems like an obvious statement, the Committee worked together to express the intentions of what their work and goals are. "Every member around the table helped to create this phrase," says Mayerson. "We would be remiss in our appreciation if we didn't tip our hats as well to Katie, Reed, Greg Corrigan and Jo Anne Carpenter of the School Board, along with members of the Senior Administration, as they worked with us to craft this very important message."

Visit the Building Committee's webpage on the SAU #20 website, at www.sau20.org/building, for up-to-date information on the Building Committee's work and activities. For more information please contact a Building Committee or School Board member, or the SAU20 office at 466-3632.