

Gorham Town Meeting Notes

Date: June 01, 2006

Ben Mayerson opened the meeting at 7 PM with a brief introduction to the project. David Laurin presented building program observations in power point format and comments and questions from the audience were entertained. There were approx. 25 people in attendance including committee members. Some noteworthy points are as follows:

1. Auditorium / Performance Space: There was a mix of opinions on whether a separate performance space (2), multi use space (2) or use of Town Hall (2) was best. There was consensus that a "fancy" auditorium not be built. Save the citizens money. A performance of some sort would be important to have as part of the curriculum.
2. Location: Question as to should the MS/HS be renovated or go to a new site. At least 1 opinion was to move offsite. This would allow for parking, athletic fields, and expansion. Most others favored staying on site if the program would work. There was concern about students and traffic and safety being close to the main road. There was also concern about how the project would be constructed and the disruption that would be caused to the educational process.
3. Population: There was discussion about population trends and school enrollment. The committee addressed school enrollment trends.