

**Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School District Building Committee**  
**Tuesday, June 20, 2006**  
**GMHS Library**

**Present:** Ben Mayerson, Craig Burcalow, John Carpenter, Bob Demers, Conrad Deutsch, Reed Leberman, Jean Tremblay

**Administration:** Paul Bousquet, David Goyette, Keith Parent, Pauline Plourde

**Other:** Angela Brown, Jo Carpenter, Karen Cloutier, David Laurin

**Call to Order:** By Ben Mayerson at 6:34 PM

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the June 15, 2006 meeting were approved. Moved by Craig and seconded by Bob –**all in favor with Jean abstaining.**

Jean suggested that we were using the wrong terminology for concerning any fund balance and suggested we should “encumber” any remaining Building Committee funds to cover unpaid expenses for the past fiscal year.

**Agenda Item three – Banwell Update**

A draft copy of Banwell’s report on the condition of the buildings was passed out. David then reviewed the Key findings with the Committee.

A general comment was that the New Hampshire codes are generally tighter than the national codes and that we need to be aware of this as we move forward.

**Ed Fenn:**

- At the Ed Fenn the biggest issue will be meeting the fire codes as the addition of the sprinkler system may not meet all the requirements.
- The roof membrane needs to be replaced – method used will determine if we need to increase the structural support.
- In some areas the old ceiling tiles may have to be removed to meet fire code
- If the cost of renovations exceeds twenty-five (25) percent of the value of the building we will trigger the need to add ventilation.
- If a sloped roof is added then David strongly recommends that the existing roof membrane be removed to prevent future odor problems
- Bob asked if David had considered issues with the domestic water systems that are buried in the ground slab for parts of the building. David indicated that it was not included but agreed that it should be looked at in the detailed design phase.

**GMHS:**

- David indicated that many of the issues at the GMHS will be impacted by design decisions should we move ahead either repairs to or extensive remodeling of the building.
- The stairways in the building are a major concern as there are a number of code issues with them that need to be addressed.
- The central atrium has a number of issues to address

- The addition of a sprinkler system will address many issues but will have to look at some firewall issues depending on the design of new and remodeled areas.
- The replacement of windows is an important energy issue but is an order of magnitude less than the items above.
- If we substantially alter the building configuration than we should consider relocating the boilers.
- The roof will require extensive repairs with the membrane having to be replaced in many areas – the scope of this will vary depending on final design.
- The support of the roof was reviewed and new snow load calculation done factoring in the upgrades made several years ago.
- David indicated that he felt that many areas of the building were worth remodeling and that there would be significant saving doing this versus building all new. He indicated that the current science wing, the locker room area, the cafeteria area should be replaced. He feels that we should consider replacing the Anne Lary wing also as the space may be more valuable for other uses.
- David indicated that there was no geo-technical work done in this part of the study but indicated we should do so in the detailed design to eliminate surprises. Bob recounted that when the elevator was installed several years ago the excavation found only clean soil typical of an old riverbed.

All copies of the draft report were collected and returned to David to be replaced by his final report. The Committee asked for twenty-five copies along with a digital copy.

David indicated that he would be willing to meet with us in July to review his final report even though it was beyond the time frame of his current contract which expires June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Agenda Item four – Recommendations to the School Board:**

We reviewed our recommendations to those whom were not present at our last meeting, indicating that we had voted to stay to recommend staying on site for this project. However, we were continuing to look at the so called “jungle lot” but believed there were significant issues with it that would rule it out from further consideration.

We indicated that we did not support a “design-build” construction method but had not decided among the other options at this time suggesting that we should hire the architect before making a firm decision on this. We also indicated that another meeting with Ed Murdough from the Dept. of Education should be schedule to discuss issues around state aid.

#### **Agenda Item five – Other**

None

#### **Agenda Item Six – Next Meeting:**

We will meet on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the GMHS library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM on a motion by Bob and second by Craig.

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