

GRS Cooperative  
Building Committee and School Board Meeting  
**Minutes**

Thursday, January 4, 2007  
GMHS Library

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

**Staff Present:** Paul Bousquet, Karen Cloutier, David Goyette, Keith Parent, and Pauline Plourde

**Other:** Jen Bennett (Berlin Reporter), Jo Carpenter (Board), and Paul Partenope (Board)

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative Building Committee and School Board was called to order at 6:30pm.

**II. Approval of minutes from 12/21/07**

->After review of the minutes from the December 21, 2006, a motion to accept them was made by Craig, seconded by Bob. A correction was made to the attendees' listing, **all in favor.**

**III. Public Comment**

None.

**IV. Banwell/Kennedy update**

Ben read a memo from HEB to Banwell pertaining to a number of pending issues.

*(task) - Ben will E-mail the memo to the Committee.*

*(task) - Karen is working on the list of priorities for the first warrant article, along with David G. She will contact Banwell and LKC as needed for assistance.*

A suggestion was made to ask LKC for their opinion of future trends of construction pricing.

A question was asked if the cafeteria staff has been consulted yet.

**V. Non Public**

None.

**VI. Public outreach**

**a. FAQ**

Members of the Committee expressed their opinion that the FAQ document is still too long.

*(task) - Ben and Pauline will review it for further cuts and accuracy. It will be formatted into a mailer, and sent to the Board for their quick review just before it is mailed.*

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**b. Community organizations**

As part of the marketing strategy, the Committee compiled the following list of community organizations to potentially speak to:

- Abutters of the schools' properties
- American Legion
- AVER
- Booster Club
- Budget Committees
- Chamber of Commerce
- Congo Church Community Breakfast on 2/20
- FRC Senior Breakfast
- GRS Ed. Foundation
- Kiwanis
- Lions
- Local Businesses
- Planning Board in Gorham
- Police/Fire/Water - Sewer/DPW/Library Trustees in Gorham
- Public presentation in each town
- Randolph Book Club
- Retired Teachers
- Rotary
- Selectmen
- Shelburne Neighbors

**c. Voter registration**

*(task) - Karen will contact the Clerks of the three towns to find out if we can conduct registration at the CARE event(s).*

**d. Other**

A list of mailing and press releases were compiled which is listed below in order of distribution. The name of the person(s) responsible for initially writing the material follows where applicable:

1. What's Wrong/What's the fix /What's the Plan (*Ben*)
2. FAQ (*Ben/Pauline*)
3. 2003 Proposal Comparison (*John*)
4. Regionalization with Berlin (*Jo/Paul*)
5. Finance/Funding/What if we do nothing (*Pauline/Ben/Paul*)
6. Warrant (*Pauline/Paul*)

All mailers will include information about voter registration (*to be researched by Karen*)

It was also suggested that we sponsor a community spaghetti dinner at the MHS in late February, with the help of CARE. It would be free with the requirement that attendees first take a tour of the building.

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*(task) – Karen will contact CARE to see if they will help us.*

It was also suggested that a DVD be created similar to one done for a different Banwell project.

*(task) – Karen will follow up with the DVD research.*

*(task) – Paul will call Berlin High School to see if arrangements can be made for less expensive printing by the students, while making sure we can still meet deadlines.*

*(task) – Ben and Pauline will meet to create a calendar for the mailings and events.*

The presentation points were discussed and are as follows:

- What is the problem/Why now?
- Here's the solution/project
- Cost/Bonding
- How to vote for it

The PPP will include talking points and pictures. It was agreed to let the various audiences guide the direction of the presentation throughout the meeting by way of their questions. Therefore, there will not be the tailoring the presentations to specific groups or towns based on the Committee's perception of what a given groups wants.

*(task) – Ben and Pauline will develop a PPP based on a draft created by John.*

**VII. Other**

Ben relayed information about the meetings with the EFS and GMHS staff. This included, the GMHS staff concerns relating to the order of voting, the 2003 proposal, and the need to address the idea of combining with Berlin.

Jen Bennett said someone has approached the Reporter regarding the 2003 proposal. She then asked the Committee to provide her with materials to compare the proposals along side each other for an article.

*(task) - John will compile the data and relay it to Ben, who will send it on to Jen.*

**VIII. Next meetings**

- a. January 11, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library
- b. January 18, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library
- c. January 25, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library

**IX. Adjournment**

->A Motion was made by Jean to adjourn at 8:30 pm, seconded by Bob.