

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

Thursday, January 11, 2007  
GMHS Library

**Present:** Ben Mayerson, Craig Burcalow, Nancy Burlison, John Carpenter, Bob Demers, Conrad Deutsch, Katie Kelley (@ ~ 6:35), Reed Leberman, and Jean Tremblay

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

**Other:** Jo Carpenter (Board), and Paul Partenope (Board), and Gail Scott (BDS) (@ ~ 7:25)

**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 1/4/07**

->After review of the minutes from the January 4, 2006, a motion to accept them was made by Jean, seconded by Conrad. Two typos were corrected, **7 in favor, John abstained, Katie had not arrived yet.**

**III. Public Comment**

None.

**IV. CARE Event 2/3**

CARE confirmed the event for 2/3 to assist our Committee's efforts to promote the project.

They also expressed interest in helping with a spaghetti dinner, scheduled for 2/17.

*(task) - Bob, Craig, Paul P., and Keith will coordinate the event.*

*(task) - Paul will make the arrangements for a school bus to provide transportation to the dinner.*

A presentation of the project will be made to the CARE group on Thursday, January 18 at 630pm, in the EFS library, by Ben, Paul, Blair, and Pauline. The Committee's meeting will follow at 7pm, also in the EFS library.

**V. Banwell/Kennedy Update**

David reported that detailing plans are still being compiled for the two schools. He presented a draft of a promotional board, with rendering of the GMHS, and several bullet points. During the next week, they will be refined to include more and varied text. In addition one will be made with the image of the new EFS.

There was discussion about the size and number of boards to create, and where they might be placed.

*(task) - Members will consider this in the coming week, and submit their ideas to Ben.*

Karen is continuing her work on the list for warrant article #1.

David had no further updates about the utility issue, at this time.

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There were some additional questions and answers to and from David and Blair.

**VI. Financial Statement**

Ben read a report from Pauline that estimated that there is a balance currently of \$158,202.20 in the Committee's budget. This does take into account fiscal commitments to Banwell and LKC, but does not include test borings or surveying work.

A conversation ensued regarding the GMP and its level of precision at the time of the March 21st meeting.

**VII. Public outreach**

Ben informed the Committee about the changes and plans for the Committee's website.

**a. Calendar**

A calendar was distributed, and after a lengthy discussion, it was decided by consensus that *Ben and Pauline would work together to refine it*. In order to keep track of all arrangements for speaking to community organizations, scheduling will be handled by the SAU office.

**b. Community organizations**

There was a general discussion among the Committee members about when the presentations would occur. See VII a.

**c. Voter registration**

Karen is gathering the names and contact information for each town. She has made arrangements to have a Supervisor of the Checklist from each town, at the EFS next Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm to accept voter registrations. She and Keith will send home flyers with the students to inform parents of this event.

In response to an inquiry if an ad could be placed in the two papers to inform the public, Paul said to avoid any public concern of taxpayer money being used to 'promote' this; *he will personally pay for the ad*.

**d. Mailers/Press Releases**

There was discussion about the timing of the mailers. Due to the delay of some material for # 1, the FAQ #2 will be sent out first. It was also decided to move the mailing date of #5 to 2/12, and #3 to 2/16.

*(task) - Pauline will update the calendar*

**e. Other**

Ben proposed that a letter be sent from the Committee and Superintendent inviting abutters/neighbors of the GMHS and EFS to the Committee's meeting on 1/25. The purpose is to present and discuss the project, and to hear and respond to specific concerns or questions this group may have, due to their proximity to the schools.

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The Committee decided that the meeting should be held in the GMHS music room instead of the usual meeting place, to accommodate more people.

*(task) – Keith will make arrangements for light refreshments at the event.*

It was also decided that we would offer refreshments for any event that we invite people to, such as the forums in each town. Since the Gorham meeting is slated for a morning event (2/10) coffee and donuts were suggested, as opposed to bottled water and cookies that will typically be served at other events.

*(task) – Pauline will create a postcard mailer to announce the town forums and spaghetti dinner.*

A DVD was viewed by the Committee, featuring a project from Central, NH. The Committee would like to explore the possibility of doing one for their project. Tanya Delisle has submitted a proposal to shoot, edit, and burn DVDs for us.

Katie Kelley volunteered her son, Eoghan to write a story board. It was also discussed that there will also need people to do on air narration, and voice over work post-taping. The Committee decided that once we have a better idea of the scale and price they will decide whether to proceed.

**VIII. Other**

**IX. Next meetings**

- a. January 11, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library
- b. January 18, 6:30pm @ GMHS EFS (*Change*)
- c. January 25, 6:30pm @ GMHS Music Room (*Change*)

**X. Adjournment**

->A Motion was made by John to adjourn at 8:35 pm, seconded by Craig.

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