

GRS Cooperative
Building Committee and School Board Meeting
Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2007
EFS Teacher's Room

Present: Ben Mayerson, Craig Burcalow, Nancy Burlison, John Carpenter, Bob Demers, Katie Kelley, Reed Leberman, and Jean Tremblay

Staff Present: Paul Bousquet (@ ~ 7:25), Karen Cloutier (@ ~ 7:35), David Goyette, and Pauline Plourde (@~7:25)

Other: Blair Banker (@ ~ 7:05), Paul Partenope (Board)

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the GRS Cooperative Building Committee and School Board was called to order at 7:00pm.

II. Approval of minutes from 1/11/07

->After review of the minutes from the January 11, 2007, a motion to accept them was made by Jean, seconded by Nancy. Grammatical corrections were made, **All in favor.**

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Banwell/Kennedy Update

Blair reported that they are about half way through the detailed pricing, estimating that this phase will be concluded by the end of January. There were follow-up questions from the Committee.

V. Public Outreach

a. Calendar

A revised calendar was distributed. The spaghetti dinner has been rescheduled to March 10. Other dates were discussed.

It was decided that on the nights a presentation pre-empts the Committee meeting; the Committee would hold an abbreviated meeting following the event. This is necessary to not only review the event, but to continue to work together for future needs and events.

(task) - Ben will send E-mails out to the Building Committee members around the beginning of each week, as a reminder of the upcoming meeting(s) and presentations. The SAU office will forward the dates to the Board, for their information.

b. Community organizations

It was suggested that we make an appointment to meet with the firefighters of Gorham at their convenience.

c. Voter registration

Karen reported that a total of 9 citizens registered to vote on Wednesday, at the EFS.

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d. Mailer/Press Releases

Ben reports that the FAQ (#1) is at the printers, and will be mailed early next week.

Why now? (#2) is being refined, and will be emailed out to the Committee for a quick review before it goes to print next week.

John is working on a comparison piece regarding the 2003 proposal. He will forward it to Ben, who will send it out for Committee review.

Paul is working on the Berlin piece, and will send it to Ben soon as well.

There was a suggestion to include State Aid information in the mailers, as it is rumored that aid will be severely cut in future.

(task) - Pauline will include this in her piece pertaining to finance and funding.

e. DVD

Tanya Delisle will review the Merrimack DVD shortly. Tanya told Ben the shot sheet as proposed is too long. She estimated that a finished piece using the proposed shot sheet would result in the DVD running between 40 to 60 minutes length.

Tanya also relayed that production needs to start ASAP in order to have time for post production work, to meet the March 1st distribution date.

Jean and Craig expressed interest in appearing on tape. Ben offered to do voice-over work for it. There was further discussion as to who else might be willing to appear on the piece.

(task) - Paul B. will see if a HS student is interested in helping produce the piece.

f. Other

There was a discussion regarding the article in the BDS, where a former Gorham Building Chair expressed his concerns about the current project. Committee members expressed their disappointment that this article may be demonstrative of the lack of detailed information currently in the hands of the voters.

Several Committee members said they would like the Board members to become more actively involved and visible at the upcoming events.

VI. Other

There was discussion about how the public presentations need to be comprehensive enough to show all the background materials that have gone into this project, but not overwhelm the audience with too many facts, figures, etc.

VII. Next meetings

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- a. January 24, 6:30pm @ Shelburne TH - *Selectmen & Budget Cmmt. (event)*
- b. January 25, 6:30pm @ GMHS Music Room - meet w/abutters & neighbors
- c. February 1, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library
- d. February 3, 10:00am @ EFS (*CARE event*)
- e. February 8, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library

VIII. Adjournment

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

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