

GRS Cooperative
Building Committee and School Board Meeting
Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2007
GMHS Music Room

Present: Ben Mayerson, Craig Burcalow, Nancy Burlison, John Carpenter, Bob Demers, Conrad Deutsch, Katie Kelley (@ ~ 6:45), Reed Leberman, and Jean Tremblay

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

Other: Blair Banker (LKC) (left @ ~ 7:50), Angela Brown (Board) (@ ~ 6:45), Jo Carpenter (Board), Gary Davis (public) (left @ ~ 7:45), Donna Goodrich (Board) (left @ ~ 7:35), Don King (public) (left @ ~ 7:45), Rick King (public) (left @ ~ 7:45), David Laurin (Banwell) (left @ ~ 7:50), 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. Presentation / Discussion with neighbors and abutters

The Power Point presentation was screened along with an oral presentation by Paul, Ben, and Pauline. There was Q/A regarding finance, GMP, parking, noise, dust, debris, access, and lighting during and following construction. Blair presented a preliminary site logistics plan for the GMHS.

III. Approval of minutes from 1/18/07 - (This agenda item was done before II.)

->After review of the minutes from the January 18, 2007, a motion to accept them was made by Nancy, seconded by Reed. A typo correction was made, **8 in favor, Katie had not arrived yet.**

IV. Banwell / Kennedy update

David updated the Committee on the progress on the development of the site plans. He informed the Committee that utilities will definitely have to go down Mechanic St. Discussion then followed regarding a meeting with Gorham Water and Sewer, with the goal being the mitigation of some of the estimated responsibilities (and cost) currently being assigned to the project, by the Town.

There was discussion about operating costs of the buildings once completed. David said he felt the fuel consumption at the GMHS would definitely fall, but the electric consumption would increase due to the additional motors and other electronic components required for the ventilation system. Fuel savings at the EFS may not be as pronounced.

As a continuation of the presentation questions posed by abutters, there was discussion about the staging of materials during the project.

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V. Public Outreach

a. Calendar

An updated calendar was distributed. Several dates have been confirmed, while others are still being determined. A meeting of the dinner organizing committee is pending; therefore Craig had no update about the March 10th dinner.

b. Community organizations

Ben reported that the Rotary club has been contacted, and we are waiting to hear back from them.

Angela said she had spoken to Sue Cloutier (GCLC) about a presentation to parents of young or soon to be school age children. Ben reminded the attendees that to avoid confusion, all contacts regarding setting up a presentation need to be made and scheduled through the SAU office.

(task) –Paul will contact Sue Cloutier to follow-up.

Katie said that Edith Tucker has requested a presentation be made to her and some invited guests sometime between the 12th and 21st of March. It was agreed to check the schedule as we get closer to see if this was feasible.

Ben said the next agenda would include all the important dates for the next several weeks.

c. Mailer/Press Releases

Ben reported that the FAQ has been mailed. Several in attendance confirmed they had received it. Jean asked if we should move up the date of the Finance/Funding mailer, to arrive before the rescheduled Bond/Budget hearing now occurring on the 15th of February. All were in agreement. The date of the mailer was adjusted accordingly.

Ben said #2 is going to the printers on Monday. A post card with the schedule of the Town forums is at the printer and will be mailed out early next week.

->A motion to extend the meeting was made by John, seconded by Katie. No discussion, **8 in favor, Jean voted no.**

d. DVD

Ben informed the attendees that to make the distribution date of March 1st, that pre-production must start immediately. There was discussion about the concept and content.

Ben said that Tanya's fee will need to be increased if she is also producing the piece, as her original bid only included the taping, and post edit work. He estimated that the cost of the total package could be up to \$4500.00 if 750 pieces were burned. Creating less finished pieces would mitigate the total price, but as a result, the per unit price would be higher.

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Craig and Jean confirmed their interest in appearing on the piece. There was discussion as to whether additional community members should appear on it.

(task) – Paul B. will make some calls to see if a third person, perhaps from Randolph is interested is participating.

Paul B. said that two GMHS students have volunteered to assist Tanya as Production Assistants.

->A motion was made by John, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$4500.00 for the DVD. It was seconded by Katie. No further discussion. **8 in favor, Ben voted no.**

(task) – Paul B. will be the office contact person for Tanya.

Ben agreed to assist Tanya with conceptual ideas.

e. Other

None

VI. Other

There was discussion about the Power Point and oral presentations. Feedback was very positive. Suggestions were made for improvement including:

- Additional images
- Clarification of numbers and warrant articles
- More discussion regarding the EFS
- Estimates of repair cost, if the bond was voted down
- Presenting some numbers pertaining to operating costs
- Discussing the potential for a downward adjustment of future State Aid

VII. Next meetings/Events

- a. February 1, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library – meet Gorham Budget Cmmt. @ 7pm
- b. February 3, 10:00am @ EFS (CARE event)
- c. February 5, 6:30 @ FRC – meet with Gorham Selectmen
- d. February 7, 7:00 pm @ Randolph TH – Town Forum
- e. February 14, 1:00 pm @ Shelburne TH – Shelburne Neighbor’s Club
- f. February 8, 7:00 pm @ Shelburne TH – Town Forum (brief meeting to follow)
- g. February 10, 9:30 pm @ GMHS – Town Forum

VIII. Adjournment

->A Motion was made by Bob to adjourn at 8:45 pm, seconded by Nancy.

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