

GRS Cooperative
Building Committee and School Board Meeting
Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2007
Shelburne Town Hall

Present: Ben Mayerson, Craig Burcalow, Nancy Burlison, John Carpenter, Bob Demers, Katie Kelley (@ ~ 6:45), Reed Leberman (@ ~ 6:40), and Jean Tremblay

Staff Present: Paul Bousquet (in @ ~ 6:50/left @ ~ 9:15), Karen Cloutier, David Goyette (in @ ~ 6:45/left @ ~ 9:15), Keith Parent (in @ ~ 6:50/left @ ~ 9:15), and Pauline Plourde (in @ ~ 6:45/left @ ~ 9:15)

Other: Blair Banker (LKC) (left @ ~ 9:30), Jo Carpenter (Board), David Laurin (Banwell) (left @ ~ 9:15), and Paul Partenope (Board)

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of minutes from 2/1/07

No action, passed over.

III. Banwell/Kennedy update

Blair distributed new pricing sheets: the GMHS complete, the EFS complete, and the “must do” for the EFS under warrant article #2. Blair explained that these estimates are now more solid as they are based on actual prices on historic and current bids. The estimates are derived from a detailed backup document (that is 74 pages long). As a result, the contingencies are now being reduced. He said to ensure there are sufficient funds available the contingencies will never fall below 5%.

At this time, the “must do” exceeds the ceiling by \$400 K. Katie suggested that it be cut from the MHS. Ben said he thought it was still in administration’s hands to make adjustments, and that any further reductions to the MHS would affect program, which was counter to the guidelines.

There is an administrative meeting with Gorham’s Water and Sewer Dept. scheduled for Tuesday 2/13, @ 11 am in Paul’s office to discuss the upgrades to Mechanic St. David L. and Blair will be there.

IV. Recap of previous week’s forums

There was a discussion of Randolph forum.

V. Public outreach

a. Calendar

Ben relayed that the Rotary Club has offered us March 22, to make a presentation. They are looking to see if another date can be scheduled.

b. Community organizations

See V.a.

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c. Mailers/Press Releases

The 2003 comparison is at the printers. It was checked out by the SAU lawyers and found to be acceptable. In the absence of a 2006 proposal, it was agreed that this will serve our purpose well.

There was discussion about a final mailer going out just before the March District meeting summarizing all the most important points regarding the project.

d. DVD

Video taping is complete. The script for the voiceovers has been drafted and is being reviewed. The plan is to record the VOs next weekend.

e. Community dinner/tour

Craig, Bob, Keith, and Paul P. reported that they are meeting on the 21st of February for a planning session. They asked Karen if the CARE group would be able to help. The dinner organizers will speak further with Karen about this.

There was a discussion about the placemats. The Committee agreed to spend \$100 for 200 placemats - 100 of the EFS and 100 of the GMHS. They will not be laminated.

There was discussion regarding what type of garment i.e.; hat, apron, or shirts Committee members could wear to be identifiable to citizens at the dinner, so that they can answer questions.

(task) - The dinner organizing team will check out some options and report back.

Katie said she might have a lead on 20 aprons, and would report back her findings shortly.

There was further general discussion about the estimates of how many might attend the dinner, and what the potential cost would be. Café services will pay for the first 200 dinners, and based on another 200 it was estimated that the total cost could run as much as \$1000.00. The Committee agreed it was a worth while investment, and authorized the expense by consensus.

f. Other

A member asked if more informational sheets could be made for further distribution.

(task) - Ben will contact Banzwell for additional copies.

VI. Presentation at Shelburne Town Hall

The PowerPoint presentation was shown. There were questions pertaining to taxation, Gorham's CRF, the 2003 proposal, petition warrant article, the condition of the schools when the Cooperative was formed, and the Conway project.

VII. Other

->A motion was made by Jean to recommend warrant articles 2 and 3. It was seconded by John. No further discussion. **All in favor.**

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->A motion was made by Jean to not recommend warrant article 4. It was seconded by Nancy. There was a lengthy discussion over the issue. The vote was called. **Mayerson, Burleson, Carpenter, Demers, and Tremblay voted in favor; Burcalow, Kelley, and Leberman opposed. Motion was passed.**

(task) - Ben will relay the votes to Jo Carpenter.

There was discussion about the question asked at the forums that if article(s) were not approved, would we come back again with the same or something else. There was further discussion, and in the end it was agreed to wait until after the District meeting, and at that time the Board would evaluate the results as needed.

VIII. Next meetings/Events

- a. February 10, 9:30 am @ GMHS - *Town Forum*
- b. February 14, 1:00 pm @ Pinkham house - *Shelburne Neighbor's Club (change)*
- c. February 15, 6:30 pm @ GMHS Music Room
- d. February 15, 7pm @ GMHS Music Room - *bond and budget hearing*
- e. February 20, 8am, @ Congo Church - *Congo Church Breakfast*

IX. Adjournment

->A Motion was made by Craig to adjourn at 10:05 pm, seconded by Jean.

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