

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

Thursday, March 1, 2007  
GMHS Library

**Present:** Ben Mayerson, Nancy Burlison, John Carpenter, Bob Demers, Conrad Deutsch, and Jean Tremblay

**Staff Present:** Karen Cloutier (left @ ~ 7:45), David Goyette, Keith Parent (left @ ~ 6:50), and Pauline Plourde

**Other:** Angela Brown (Board), Jo Carpenter (Board), and Bob O'Leary (LKC), Paul Partenope (Board), and Gail Scott (left @~ 8pm)

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Approval of minutes from 2/22/07**

->After review of the minutes from the February 22, 2007, a motion to accept them was made by Conrad, seconded by Nancy. A grammatical and a date correction were made.  
**All in favor**

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Banwell/Kennedy update**

Bob reported that the budget is still being further refined. There was a lengthy discussion pertaining to soliciting sub-contractors' interest and qualifications at this time. A balance is needed between making a presumptive statement that the bond will pass vs. a need to get the word out that local labor will be used whenever possible

*(task) -LKC will place ads in local papers.*

*(task) - Pauline will provide LKC with contact information for the local papers.*

There was Q&A regarding the need to relocate, upgrade, and centralize the boilers at the EFS. A member expressed their opinion that this must be done, and it wouldn't cost more money to do so. After further discussion, it was agreed to table the issue, until after March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**V. Public outreach**

**a. Calendar**

No discussion

**b. Mailers/Press Releases**

**i. Berlin**

Jo says that she and John are finishing their work on it. It will then go to Paul and Pauline for their approval before anyone else. She anticipates that it will be ready to go to them by Tuesday. Based on that information, Pauline plans to get it to the printer by Friday, March 9th.

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**ii. Finance**

It is at the printer, and should be ready to mail early next week.

**iii. Other?**

None

**c. DVD**

**i. Distribution locations**

A variety of locations were discussed.

*(task) – Ben will offer some for distribution at the Gorham Library and Post Office. Pauline will ask at the GCLC, FRC, and the Gorham Town Hall. Jean will leave some at the local Northway Bank. Other locations were discussed, and pending availability of DVD stock, they may also be asked to be distribution sites.*

*Keith and Karen each took 50 for the schools.*

**1. Town Meetings**

*Shelburne –Jo will take 75 DVDs, and have some at the Town Hall as well*

*Randolph –Angela will take 100 DVDs for the office and meeting.*

*Gorham –Jean will take 250 DVDs to the meeting.*

**d. Community dinner/tour**

**i. Coverage by Committee and Board**

The organizing groups said about 12 people are needed to staff the event, for the dining area and tours.

**ii. PR**

Paul P. shared a draft of the press release. Publicity will include a poster, press release, and ads purchased in the papers.

**iii. Procedure when people come in/during meal**

The group will determine a specific tour route. Guests will enter into the gym, and after a tour, go to the Home Ec. Room to view the DVD and for a Q&A session. The drawings will be set up around the gym. It was suggested that two 'guides' go on the tour, one to lead and one to bring up the rear to answer questions for those that may linger.

Jules Chatot, a principle at Banwell, will be covering for David L. at the dinner, for Q&A.

**e. Other**

It was suggested that Rep. Hatch and Senator Gallus be invited to the District meeting and asked if they would be interested in giving a statement of support.

*(task) – Jo and Pauline will coordinate this.*

**VI. March 21 meeting**

**a. 2003 comparison**

John has been phoning and emailing LKC and Banwell to compile the differences that can be determined between the current and former proposals. He doesn't plan to make

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a presentation, and may or may not be able to offer any details at the District meeting.

It was pointed out that the Board will be running the meeting, and will determine on March 14<sup>th</sup>, what kind of presentation (if any) will be done for Article #2. Suggestions from the Committee ranged from only showing the DVD to continuing the complete 'road show' as many felt it was the process that sold people.

-> A motion was made by Nancy to recommend that the 'road show' presentation be made at the District meeting, by the Chair of the Building Committee. It was seconded by Bob. There was no further discussion.

**5 votes in favor. John abstained.**

**VII. Other**

None

**VIII. Next meetings/Events**

- a. **March 8, 6:30 pm @ GMHS Library**
- b. **March 15, 4pm - 7pm @ GMHS - Spaghetti Dinner**
- c. **March 19, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library - (new)**
- d. **March 21, 7pm @ GMHS - District Meeting**
- e. **March 29, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library ->correction<-**

**IX. Adjournment**

->A Motion was made by Bob to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

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