

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

Thursday, March 8, 2007  
GMHS Library

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

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

**Other:** Blair Banker (LKC), Angela Brown (Board), Maxine Burlison (Student) (left and returned several times), Jo Carpenter (Board), and Paul Parteno (Board)

**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 3/1/07**

->After review of the minutes from the March 1, 2007, a motion to accept them was made by Nancy, seconded by Jean. A correction was made to the attendance list.

**Six votes in favor. Burcalow, Kelley, and Leberman abstained.**

**III. Public Comment**

**a. Email from Bill Hatch**

Ben, Paul, Pauline, and Jo relayed the contents of a meeting with Representative Hatch.

Other Committee members relayed conversation they have had over the last few weeks with members of the public. Some were stories of support, others in opposition.

**IV. Financials**

**a. Current - YTD**

For this current year, the budget has spent or committed \$170,886.85, which leaves a balance of \$169,113.15. Although there will be some additional expenses between now and the end of the fiscal year, a large balance is anticipated.

**b. 2007-2008**

The Committee budget for next year is \$10,000 which is slated to be voted on, only if Articles two and four fails. Ben expressed his disappointment that the Committee was not consulted prior to this amount being written into the warrant. He also voiced his concern that this amount wouldn't be enough to carry the Committee through another year, if Article 2 fails.

Some members agreed, while others felt either uncommitted funds from this year could be encumbered and/or the warrant amount could be possibly adjusted from the floor, prior to voting.

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**V. Banwell/Kennedy update**

Blair offered a handout with further comparison points pertaining to the scope and prices of the 2003 proposal and how they contrast to the current proposal.

He reported that letters of interest for subcontractors would be advertised in the local papers starting next week.

**VI. Public outreach**

**a. Calendar**

No discussion

**b. Mailers/Press Releases**

**i. Berlin**

The final version is almost ready, and will be going to the printers tomorrow. (Friday 3/9)

**c. DVD**

DVDs are available at various locations. Response has been excellent! The invoice for them was \$1200.00 under the approved budget. The Committee expressed their appreciation for Tanya Delisle's hard work.

**d. Community dinner/tour**

Final arrangements are coming together. A count of support people indicates that there will be enough coverage for the dinner. Paul P. has placed a press release in the local papers, as well as paid advertisement. The press release will be posted on the BC web page.

The dinner will be announced at the Town Meetings by: *Paul P. in Gorham, Craig in Randolph, and Jo in Shelburne.*

*(task) - Katie will organize the desserts.*

*(task) - Karen will email the CARE group about desserts.*

**e. Other**

Paul and Ben will be on WMOU on Friday 3/16 at 10am.

Nancy is writing a draft of a final mailer that will summarize the project and process. It will go to the printers no later than Tuesday.

John is writing a press release that will summarize the project and process, including information about the role of a CM. It will go to the papers no later than Thursday.

**VII. March 21 meeting**

There was discussion about the process and possible scenarios. It was suggested that the Committee be at the meeting hall at 6pm to conduct an informal Q & A.

**VIII. Other**

It was suggested again that a meeting take place with the Fire and Police Chiefs.

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*(task) - Paul will make the arrangements.*

Paul discussed the joint meeting between the GRS and Berlin School Boards. At it Mayor Danderson said that at this time the City has no interest in giving up control over the schools' budget. It was also confirmed that though there is sufficient core space in the HS building, classrooms are already to capacity and therefore unable to take on any additional students, without additional construction. K-8 in Berlin is also at capacity and can not take any GRS students.

**IX. Next meetings/Events**

- a. **March 15, 4pm - 7pm @ GMHS - Spaghetti Dinner**
- b. **March 19, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library**
- c. **March 21, 7pm @ GMHS - District Meeting**
- d. **March 29, 6:30pm @ GMHS Library**

**X. Adjournment**

->A Motion was made by Craig, seconded by Katie to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

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