

GRS Cooperative Building Committee  
**Minutes**

Thursday, March 29, 2007  
GMHS Library

**Present:** Ben Mayerson, Craig Burcalow, Nancy Burluson, John Carpenter, Bob Demers, Conrad Deutsch, Katie Kelley (@~6:40 - left @~8:20), Reed Leberman (left @~8:20), and Jean Tremblay

**Staff Present:** Paul Bousquet (left @~8:20), Karen Cloutier (left @~8:20), David Goyette, and Keith Parent (left @~8:20)

**Other:** Wendy Beals (Public), Angela Brown (Board) (left @~8:20), Jo Carpenter (Board) (left @~8:20), Greg Corrigan (Board) (@~7:05 - left @~8:20), Mike Guay (Public), Dick Lussier (Public), Lucille Michaud (Public), Stephen Michaud (Public), Paul Partenope (Board) (left @~8:20), Tom Rideout (Press), Gail Scott (Press), Dennis Therrien (Public), Debbie Therrien (Public), Adam Tremblay (Public), Jody Tremblay (Public), and Sarah Tremblay (Public)

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Public Comment**

An inquiry was made to see if the problems with the windows at the EFS and the chimneys at both buildings would be addressed before next year's District meeting. Paul B. said that now that the Board is the agent of the CRF, he would move forward to make requests for funds to do immediate emergency repairs.

Dick Lussier said he had reviewed the Needs Assessment Report and other documents. His research led him to the conclusion that there was the potential to trim costs from the Banwell proposal by not upgrading all systems as specified. He suggested meeting with Banwell to inquire as to why many upgrades were being suggested, when the possibility of leaving some things intact would save a lot. Dick felt with further review more substantial savings might be found. To gain a better understanding of current conditions, he will tour the building

**III. Post meeting discussion with Board**

Each Committee, Board, and Administrative member was given about 3 minutes to express their thoughts regarding the District meeting, and where they felt we should go from here. Ben suggested we try to look only toward a two to six week window at this pointing order to prioritize our plans.

Topics discussed included:

- Researching and proposing a strictly repair option
- Further publicizing the existing conditions
- Cost and logistical analysis of regionalization
- Doing a survey - possibly by a professional company
- Holding focus groups for specific sectors of the population
- Determining the liability issues pertaining to health/safety issues
- Looking into other sources of NH funding
- Researching and projecting operating costs for the next 10 years

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- “Challenging” Banwell’s and LKC’s proposals for the project, pertaining to scope of items (IE electrical, plumbing, etc).
- NEASC accreditation – Keith strongly urged visible and continuing action be taken to address the process and issues. The absence of any noticeable work would, in his opinion result in a revocation of the GMHS accreditation in June.
- Close the portions of the building(s) that are believed to be unsafe.
- Convene a round table discussion of valley political leaders to discuss funding of the towns’ projects, and garner support for educational construction.
- Further market the Banwell proposal or an adaptation of it.
- Hire a professional marketing company to do the outreach.

**a. Public Outreach**

The Board voted to hire a professional company to do a survey. They also voted to ask the BC to oversee the survey. *(See Board minutes from this date for other related information)*

The Committee will send their ideas for questions or concepts for same to Ben who will forward them out to all other members for their review. The Board will do the same through Jo.

*(task) – The SAU office will contact UNH and Paine consultants to inquire about their services to create, distribute, collect, and tabulate a survey.*

*Note: All Board members and some Administration left at this time.*

**IV. Approval of minutes from 3/19/07**

->After review of the minutes from the March 19, 2007, a motion to accept them was made by Craig, seconded by Nancy. No discussion

**All present in favor. Kelley and Leberman had left.**

**V. Moving Forward**

**a. '07-'08 Funding**

Ben reviewed the vote from the District meeting approving \$90,000 for the Committee in '07-'08. He said that he felt that Pauline’s fund balance figure reported to the District may have been a little high, as there were still some outstanding bills coming in from Banwell, LKC, the printers, and some other services providers. Therefore, he thought that the actual balance will be less. At this point there was no clear cut direction to commit any funds except for the survey.

**b. Moving Forward**

**i. Membership**

Several members of the Committee expressed their need for a clear and decisive set of tasks, or they felt the Committee’s work would be undirected, compelling them to quit. Other members of the Committee expressed similar sentiments, resulting in a total of 6 members expressing their intent to leave if no direction is established.

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Dick Lussier has expressed interest in joining the Committee. Ben will email him with background information and arrange for a tour of the GMHS.

**ii. Public Outreach**

Ben suggested that a press release and/or article in the local papers be published informing the public of the continuing post vote work of the Committee. Members agreed by consensus.

Several people said that they felt it was very important to keep the building issues front and center with the public. Though the bond was voted down, there are about 350 people who did support it, and keeping them informed and energized was identified as a priority.

Ben suggested creating an email list for an electronic newsletter that would be emailed directly to recipients. It would include agenda, minutes, and information about meetings, forums, mailer info, and more.

Several members suggested holding a public forum to ask people who voted for and against the articles to tell us where they felt we should go from here. Other Committee members added they felt it would be best to have a forum in each of the member towns as before, so that voters could go to any of them, and/or their local meeting place.

**iii. Other**  
None

**VI. Other**  
None

**VII. Next meetings?**  
The next meeting will be Thursday, April 12 at 6:30pm in the GMHS Library.

**VIII. Adjournment**  
->A Motion was made by Craig, seconded by Bob to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

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