



Center Elementary School Project

Hopkinton Elementary School Building Committee

89 Hayden Rowe Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2010 7:00 PM
School Administration Building Conference Room

Attendees:

Rebecca Robak, chair
Brian Main
Todd Cestari
Tom Gaston
Joe Karner
Geoff MacDonald
Jack Phelan
Jen Parson
Tom Towle

Mark Collins HCAM

David Finney, President, Design Partnership of Cambridge
Dawn Guarriello, Project Architect, Design Partnership of Cambridge

Chairperson Rebecca Robak brought the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Rebecca announced that the MSBA has approved a 92,820 square foot K-5 Elementary School at Fruit Street. This was the culmination of a lot of effort by the committee, the OPM, and our design team. The MSBA will not participate in any renovations required at Hopkins and Elmwood schools to accommodate the reconfiguration into community schools. This is currently estimated at \$5M.

Joe moved and Jack seconded approval of the minutes of 6/7/10. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe moved and Jack seconded approval of pending invoices (see attached). The motion passed unanimously.

Brian recapped statistics on school projects before the MSBA. He pointed out that the MSBA will be looking for a more detailed plan in addition to addressing

their suggestions at an October meeting. Geoff pointed out that the MSBA had rejected the reimbursement of legal costs associated with the project.

Dave led the committee into a discussion of the schedule for the schematic design portion of the project. He mentioned that the MSBA is looking for Hopkinton to advance approval of funding of the project in the March 2011 time frame. The committee has acknowledged the MSBA's preference for the town's approval to be moved to March, and assured them we would pursue this vigorously. The Board of Selectmen and Town Manager have been consulted on this matter.

It was pointed out that once approved by the MSBA, the community would have 120 days to approve funding of the overall project. This would allow for the funding to be approved by the Town at the May Annual Town Meeting, but the MSBA would be very interested in a March approval. It was pointed out that this would add another warrant to be opened and the cost of a special election. It was also noted that this cost could potentially be mitigated by economies realized by a favorable bid schedule that would put Hopkinton in front of several other communities that would be bidding with the same set of contractors.

Design Partnership is looking to submit the full schematic proposal to MSBA in early December. A schedule was then reviewed for the schematic process that would allow for this submission to take place.

The committee then followed Dave and Dawn's review of the current proposed layout of the school, and answered several questions about priorities and design considerations they would take into account while tightening up the overall design. After careful consideration, it was proposed that several ideas be incorporated into a revised design, a "hybrid" concept as coined by Jack.

Brian noted that NSTAR Electric was putting together a proposal for a cost to carry the necessary power from Wood St. over to the Fruit St. site. The committee further discussed scenarios that would allow the proposed school site be tied into the new Wastewater Treatment Plant on the site. It was generally agreed that discussions should continue with the Town Manager and Town Engineer to allow for these costs to be spread among the various projects that would need these services for the full Fruit St. site build out.

It was also noted that Geoff's replacement with MCPPO certification requirement needed to be appointed.

Joe moved and Jack seconded to adjourn at 9:35 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the HSBC is scheduled for Monday, Sept 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Middle School Library.