

Building Committee Meeting
July 28, 2021
6:00 - 7:00pm

Attendees: Stacy Maghakian, Chip McGee, Darlene Greenwood, Billy Beauchesne, Debbie Ryan, Abigail King, Kristin Corey, David Wholey

Absent: John Gould, Deb Mahoney, Brian Sands, Troy Bressette, Pattie Lamontagne, Jen Grover, Morgan Benson, Dave Mermelstein

Chip began the meeting stating that he is remote somewhere in Vermont and that Stacey just got back, so we are stretched more thinly than he'd like to be. Just ask if something is missed. Then he dropped off the meet...

Stacy moved forward stating that the meeting minutes sent were linked to the last agenda and not the last meeting's minutes. She decided to table approval of the minutes since no one has looked at them.

Stacy stated that construction has begun at the school. First thing on the docket is to get the portables moved and reconnected so they will be ready for the first day of school

Billy asked that with the whole plan of everything and the groundbreaking on the first of July, will everything be ready for the first day of school...

Update on Construction Progress

- Stacy said that a lot of behind the scenes has been happening. She had a meeting with them yesterday and they are not worried about the timeline. They assured her that things would move fast once everything got started and they know the timeframes.
- Deb stated that even with the PHS project we had unforeseen things happen and they nailed every timeline. That was one of the reasons we picked them – they hit every milestone.
- Stacy relayed that some things not in their control, like materials, but they are working on them and are looking at all options to meet all timelines appropriately.
- Chip, returning to the meet, shared that a great deal of permitting and permission had to happen before we could get the construction equipment in there this week. The biggest concern is the purchasing of material, in particular structural steel, which is hard to come by. Amazon bought all of it to build warehouses. They are trying to time the purchase for the gym and unified arts spaces that will be under construction over the next year. The alteration of terrain permit is in place and septic system replacement plan from 2018 was revised instead of needing a new plan. Chip did a presentation to the planning committee in town and it was well received. They ask that we be sensitive to the sidewalk cuts that was just put in this last year and the new entrance into cemetery.
- Deb asked if July 7th the last one? (Chip – Yes).

- Deb asked if they awarded the steel bid?
- Chip said No. They have awarded the site contract. Steel is holding off on requesting those to come in but debating when to put it into the market because there is so little available now. May be able to get in 3-6 months but may be able to do other things in the meantime. There is site-work and concrete that needs to be done before the structural steel.
- Deb said to look for a Christmas tree on the steel!
- Darleen mentioned that she received an email from someone in town on what trees we are planting. Are we that detailed?
- Chip responded No. We are replanting memorial trees from Ray's kids but need to wait on what's left in the budget to determine landscaping.
- Darlene asked if we have a plant expert who is advising us? They wanted to know if we are considering plantings that are good for the environment.
- Stacy responded that an arborist came over to see what trees could be replanted. Will be working with him going forward with courtyard design and the outdoor classroom.

Irrigation of the Fields

- Dave M was not be able to make it tonight but next on agenda to discuss irrigation of the fields.
- Chip said he will speak to it because it's the first decision he wants bldg. committee to weigh in on.
- Chip said there is no plan to install irrigation on the softball field which will be a construction site for the next 2 years and then will be a reconfigured ball site. In order to have the field up and ready after the construction is done (3 years out) and to maintain it in a way to sustain the abuse, it needs to be irrigated. But he doesn't want to be cavalier with it in terms of budgeting. Does anyone have concerns, thoughts, previous experience with irrigation? The area where the portables is has irrigation and looks good.
- Billy stated that it is in our best interest. If we build this big beautiful addition and then have a not well-irrigated field, it doesn't make sense. It would be within our interest to irrigate the field.
- Chip asked David as a parent and with background in construction his thoughts about what to be aware of and think through.
- David said he came from a town without irrigation and it becomes a sandlot in no time. Are we on Pennichuck or well?
- Chip stated we are on well for irrigating now and would like to continue but that's not a guarantee. Have to explore the old cistern.
- David said we should set aside the money. It is going to be small dollars. You shouldn't put up a whole new school and then have it look like you are not maintaining the property. We do have to make sure it's controlled appropriately and is shut off when it rains. Extra money for appropriate controls is worth it.

- Deb said she concurs with Billy and David. We don't want to remove something that is already existing if possible. It gets use from sports team as well as Physical Education classes. We had that discussion around the tennis courts – it is an asset to the community.
- Darlene said that from the board side we have to think about finances. Penny wise and pound foolish to not put it in and have it look like a mess. The town would appreciate it being kept up and controlled appropriately. It all comes down to the money.
- Chip said that thinking about it now puts us in a better spot. Any other thoughts?
- Deb asked if we have already started the discussions on where the sports are going to be held. Are we using Muldoon?
- Chip said that for the upcoming year, Todd and Jimmie have been making the necessary adjustments. I will look into that and get back to the committee.
- Stacy said that she just spoke with them and they are in the infancy stage for practice fields and where the games will be held. Jimmie and Todd are on top of things.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

- Chip shared a rough draft that Stacy and he put together. We don't want to leave people out accidentally. We want to celebrate it as a community without hurting feelings by accident.
- Chip went through the list of people to invite and asked for feedback.
- Deb said the VFW is such a big part of the community and middle school, and they have presented colors at many events – should they be invited and asked to present colors?
- Chip thought that was a great idea.
- Billy asked if we would want to include parks and rec? PMS students are heavily involved with sports programs and share it with them as well. Also companies that have been in and around the town for a long time (i.e. Chunky's) and different community businesses.
- Chip said that was a great idea. We want organizations and business to know what a big part of the success they are.
- Chip discussed things to do that day (Sept. 25) and who we can put in charge of making that thing happen.
- Darleen asked if Chip wants displays from all the schools. She recently found pics of the opening ceremony and construction of PES.
- Chip thinks a gallery of that would be spectacular.
- Chip talked about a series of speakers – went through list of thoughts. Chip asked that Deb be in charge of making sure the program is good. List who should speak and give ideas of who and in what order. Chip would like Deb to be willing to make sure the program works.
- Deb agreed to do that.
- Chip asked if anyone else has thoughts or opinion.
- Stacy would like Deb's input as she has seen a lot of these.

- Chip talked about Time Capsule Opening – Pattie and Rick Holmes (teacher who created it) will do that.
- Stacy said both are ready to talk about it.
- Chip asked if there could be a new capsule for 50 years into the future.
- Stacy stated that we do have time capsule prepared from the first vote.
- Darleen asked if that is something the Junior Honor Society of Student Council would be involved with.
- Stacy said usually 8th grade and Memories at Memorial committee does the time capsule including Leadership, Honor Society, Student council and 8th grade team.
- Chip discussed music and that we cannot expect Middle School with no band the past year to participate. Elisa Saunders will work with High School students and have them play.
- Chip discussed golden shovels and said Dave will get those. Who holds the shovels and how do we do that? He suggested that the people who are speaking be the shovel holders?
- Deb said a commemorative shovel was made and personalized and Dave supplied others that were not commemorative. She will look at the picture from the high school to see who we used from that to do the shovels.
- Chip wants to make sure we ask the right people and don't leave anyone out. Also need a flatbed truck to redo the picture from 1965.
- Deb agreed.
- Chip said Jim Greenwood to be there to do the recording.
- Chip discussed brick sales and other fundraisers.
- Deb said this was done for the high school as well as tiles that were made which would have to be incorporated in some fashion. The bricks tend to be popular and they can be as cheap or expensive as you want them to be.
- Stacy likes the bricks with the courtyard and the outdoor classroom. Nice to see all of the supporters. The ceramic tiles would be a nice fundraiser and now that it's real we will have more people coming forward to be part of it.
- Deb said that we need to make sure all 3 schools have bricks.
- Chip asked Stacy to reach out to Trish/David to put this in place.
- Chip talked about the timeframe of 1-2pm. Can we fit all this into an hour? It is also Homecoming weekend – what is the best time? Morning?
- Billy asked what is the schedule for Homecoming? Can we work it around their day?
- Deb said homecoming runs all day. Some of the games are Friday night and Saturday throughout the day. Football has been at 6pm. Todd would have a better idea of what that schedule looks like. Sometimes there are gaps.
- Stacy said it would be nice to find that gap to help with the plans. She sent Todd a message to forward to her the schedule and work it in.
- Chip talked about lunch – should we serve?
- Darlene said food trucks would be nice. Kona ice? Something that does burgers.
- Stacy said Fried dough was a big hit and that Lots of research was done for DC week for food trucks.

- Deb said the booster club took a major hit not being able to run concessions due to Covid. Do we give them the option to run it to re-coop their costs? If concessions are up and running, would we be hurting their sales if we had food trucks?
- Stacy received a schedule from Todd. No events on Harris field on Saturday. We may not be interfering.
- Chip made note to check with booster about food. It will be on school grounds wherever we can tuck ourselves in. Not sure how things will look at that time. Where should the actual ceremony be?
- Darlene asked if the front of the school will be all chopped up.
- Stacy said yes and the parking lot will be where the sign it. She thinks on the new parking lot is where this should take place.

Chip said we have taken all the time. Stacy and he will move the agenda forward for the next meeting.

Chip wants to table the website and schedule that for the next meeting.

No questions.

Get together next on August 25 and one month away from groundbreaking.

Adjourned at 7:02pm