

Building Committee Meeting  
June 23, 2021  
6:00 - 7:00pm

**Attendees:** Stacy Maghakian, Chip McGee, Deb Mahoney, Brian Sands, Troy Bressette, Darlene Greenwood, Pattie Lamontagne, Billy Beauchesne, Jen Grover, John Gould, Debbie Ryan, Abigail King, Morgan Benson, Dave Mermelstein

**Absent:** Kristin Corey, David Wholey, John Gould

The meeting started with Chip “diving in and working on his presentation skills”. ☺

- Chip stated that, because of the many facets involved with the project, he and Stacy would be moving forward as co-chairs
- Chip stated that the meeting would consist of reviewing the norms, reviewing and approving the minutes, giving an update on the construction process, discuss the traffic flow challenges for the fall, going over future meeting dates, and other concerns
- Stacy reviewed norms found at the bottom of the last meeting minutes
- Since everyone did not have prior access to the meeting minutes or time to read them, Chip decided to table approval of the last meeting’s minutes until the next meeting and approve both this meeting’s minutes and last’s at the same time. All were given access to the minutes during the meeting.
- Chip stated that we are a subcommittee of the school board and we need to make sure agendas are posted and everyone knows about the meetings.

#### **Update on Construction Process**

- Chip stated that updates are given at every Board meeting. The School District presented to the Planning Board impacts on traffic so the community is aware of what we are working on.
- Deb Mahoney asked if it would make sense to have the update sent to everyone prior to the next meeting. Chip thought that would be a great idea.
- Chip stated that he is trying to have the groundbreaking as close to July 1 as possible. The hope was to do it at Old Home Day but the OHD organizers said they have such a jam packed day that adding ground breaking would not fit.
- Chip asked if we should default to the back-up choice of Aug. 28. That is 3 weeks sooner – does anyone think it should be changed?
- Two board members with conflicts (including vice chair) Stacy said that is the week the teachers come back and may be too difficult.
- The committee discussed alternative dates. Chip asked everyone to commit to Sept. 25 and to ask the town, sports (for field use), etc. if there is anything we need to be aware of.
- Chip stated the need for interim meetings / a subcommittee within the group to take on the nuts and bolts of planning the groundbreaking, Asked for volunteers.
- **Subcommittee Volunteers:** Deb Ryan, Stacy, Chip, Brian (co-member), Abigail, & Darlene
  - Chip will do a follow-up to get that group together
- Chip asked David (Trident) if Sept. 25 is workable for groundbreaking. Dave believes it would be.

## Feedback on Traffic Flow

- Stacy shared the map and explained the bldg. and to where the portables are moving. She explained that car and bus drop off will be enclosed on either side by fencing.
- Dave stated that this is subject to change with some modifications along the way and that the crew was trying to figure out how to maintain the existing entrance to not cause more confusion. Stacy said this issue has been resolved, as well as loading dock for food service. The current main entrance will be used for security purposes.
- Chip pointed out Marsh Road and the cemetery. Kids being dropped off will walk along the yellow pathway and into the front entrance. There will be no access to the back of the building. Students will take a pathway to the portables.
- Stacy hopes for full transportation and fewer cars next school year as follows:
  - AM - Go back to where buses drop off through elementary school and kids walk walkway and go / Cars come in through Marsh road and come through front area to drop off.
  - PM – buses que in the front (they take up more space) and car pick-up at the side/elementary.
- Stacy is worried about how to get everyone in and out of the building. There is only one walkway – no back way in and out of the building. One main entrance and exit for *everyone*.
- Dave discussed a parking lot created – temporary/large paved area without traffic islands so it will be more flexible for traffic flow.
- Stacy believes we will still need to stagger cars and buses
- Billy asked about how many lanes to exit and concerns of a right exit only. Dave said there will be a single lane – one-way traffic with an apron at the end allowing traffic to go left or right
- Darlene asked if there should be a monitor to help with dismissal.
- Deb Ryan suggested the need to review with police/fire since they help so much with traffic flow. Going to need bodies to help with flow and traffic with AM and PM being different.
- Dave will review at the planning board meeting with highway safety.
- Chip does not want volunteers in traffic but at the same time we need to control where there is a right only exit.
- Stacy stated that we'd normally be able to have walkers and kids que somewhere but we will no longer have this. Kids will be out in the open.
- Deb Ryan stated that with the PHS project a temporary canopy was built – has this been a consideration?
- Dave explained that the covered tunnel was the result of the Fire Dept. review and is not required here. They wanted a wide enough entrance for an ambulance to get in.
- Deb asked if a covered area is needed for a queuing area or is there a resolution?
- Dave said this is the first time queuing has come up.
- Stacy stated that we may need to use placards to stagger dismissal.

- Chip stated in the beginning 2 days of school with cars stacking in front, car traffic shut down Marsh Road. Then we moved stacking onto our property by the elementary school. Why not continue to have drivers stack as they did this year?
- Darlene noted that the bell times are different so it should not interfere with elementary school.
- Stacy stated there were so many more this year than we've had in the past. In a regular year it only takes 5 minutes to load cars and get them out of the lot. It was better with the elementary school but not sure with the construction site how this will affect things.
- Dave will look at the possibility of adding temporary staging areas – maybe to the left of portables. Will work with the district to ensure there is a good solution in place for the beginning of the school year. The number 1 goal is safety.
- Pattie suggested we let buses go first and have walkers go to room 100 and then call numbers and let them go from there.
- Stacy stated that we also need to think about ski nights, buses for sports, etc. – where are they going to que?
- Chip asked that Dave take this to the project team to see what kind of flexibility we'll have.

#### **Future Meeting Schedule**

- Chip discussed the meeting schedule / July 28 = next, Nov 24 and Dec 22
- Chip would like to keep the 7/28 meeting recognizing people may be on vacation
- Chip suggested the 11/24 & 12/22 be combined and held on December 8
- The committee had no concerns so the changes to meeting dates will be made

#### **Any other questions, concerns or comments**

- Darlene Greenwood asked if someone will be in contact to set up a subcommittee meeting.
- Deb Ryan asked if others are being brought into the subcommittee to assist.
- Chip confirmed yes to both.

**Adjourned at 7:00pm**