**School Building Committee**

**Monday, June 2, 2014, 7:00 P.M.**

**Erwin K Washburn Library/Media Center**

**Minutes of Meeting**

Approved: 6/2/14

1. Members Present: Elizabeth Sorrell, Barry Struski, Richard Ward, Dan Ryan, Sarah Stearns, Dave Siedentopf, Heather Sepulveda, Patrick Meagher, John Cotter, James O’Brien, Ruby Maestas, Jon Delli Priscoli,
2. Members Absent: Mike Milanoski.
3. Others Present: Steve Pratt, Stephanie Gavin, Andrew Soliwoda, Carol Spiewakowski, Eraina Sullivan, Paula Foley, Kathy Steed, Julie Porter, Deborah Smith, Caroline Todd, Jim Hoffman, Alan Dunham and Kelly Buck.
4. **Call to Order at 7:00pm by Chairman Barry Struski.** Barry asked everyone to sign in. Welcome to everyone. Barry gave a brief review of protocol for Comments and Questions from the general public. This will take place at the end of the meeting.
5. **Minutes of 5/19/14 Meeting**

Discussion of minutes. Motion made by Richard Ward to approve minutes. Seconded by Dan Ryan. Unanimous.

1. **Overview of Meeting Agenda**

**Barry Struski** discussed the agenda for the evening.

1. **Communications Report**

**Heather Sepulveda**

1. The Committee viewed the 2 minute video of the Carver Elementary School. This is still in draft form. Heather will return to CCAT to edit it before Town Meeting. Sarah stated that it was an excellent representation of both buildings. Ruby Maestas mentioned that there were some great clips. Jon Delli Priscoli commended Heather for all of her efforts. John Cotter asked about handicapped accessibility. It was noted that this was included in the video. Patrick Meagher spoke about the passenger elevator that was installed in 1991. He talked about the lifts (those were installed in the mid-1990s) and those are used to get to the elevator. Dan Ryan suggested having the video rolling for Town Meeting participants.   
   James O’Brien suggested adding another 30 seconds, to slow it down a bit. John Cotter asked about the water. Mr. Ward mentioned the many other problems. Can this be used after Town Meeting on CCAT? Liz will put a link on the website as well. Heather also mentioned that Carver Elementary School Building Project is now on Facebook with approximately 290 members.
2. Fact Sheet review. Heather reviewed the fact sheet with the Committee. Website links were added. Collins Center report and MSBA website were also added. Heather noted this is the final draft. This will be handed out at town meeting.

Liz mentioned the new website and that it will go live on Friday. All of this information will be on the new website.

Patrick Meagher noted the Capital Outlay Plan sheet will be updated to show a 13% increase.

1. Report of Conversation with MSBA. Liz called this past Tuesday. They will not reimburse us until after we enter the Capital Pipeline. We can go ahead if we would want. Would $390,000 be enough to fund feasibility and schematic? $750,000 is the norm to spend. Town Administrator told Liz that $410,000 is being asked for at Town Meeting. Anything that is done new and different will be reimbursed by MSBA. A new feasibility would be reimbursed. Dave Siedentopf discussed the other option which includes 7 ½ acres. Option H was for a new building on this site. In 2009, demolition would cost between 3 -5 million. This would include removing the debris and rebuilding parking lots, rebuilding playground areas and bus loops. It was determined that Option H was not a viable option. John Deli Priscoli noted he thought the price was very high. He asked about Hazmat materials. He noted that everything is recycled. Not much leaves the site. The asphalt could also be reused.

Liz’ next question to the MSBA new schematic design, be reimbursed? MSBA replied that as long as it is new and different.

1. **Brainstorm Questions to be Answered** **Regarding Site Selection - Sarah Stearns**
2. Review Submitted Questions. Questions were organized by the four options this committee has discussed. The questions were then broken down to three categories: Concerns, Site Constraints/Logistics, Approximate and Project Costs/Ways to Offset. Sarah briefly went over the questions. Barry mentioned the urgency of this project. Dan Ryan suggested which option would get us the quickest solution? Jon Delli Priscoli two parts….most expeditious way and the cost to the taxpayers. He feels we need to go forward productively.

Liz reviewed the time line of building projects. It is still a process that needs to be followed. Dates are listed on the MSBA websites. Liz noted that MSBA has strict timelines that will need to be followed.

1. Review of Suggested Spreadsheet Information.
2. Dan Ryan suggested speaking with other systems that have a K-12 model. Heather noted that some of these questions will be difficult to answer. Ruby Maestas mentioned that we may not have the answers, but it will give us something to think about in the future. Liz noted that traffic flow will be an almost daily issue for a renovation or build new. Jon Deli Priscoli noted that there is a lot of room (7 ½ acres) at the current site to build new. Liz added that 139,000 square feet is needed to build. Two story buildings were discussed. Liz thinks it would be very hard to put a school on 7 ½ acres. Mr. Ward noted he went to ball fields at CMHS. Ten acres is there. He thinks the committee should stop and take a look there. It was suggested that this Committee should meet at CMHS to look at the site.
3. Barry thanked Sarah for her great work.
4. Town Meeting Preparation
5. Chairman, Barry Struski will ask Town Moderator for permission to present a short PowerPoint. That will include the video of the CES.
6. Warrant Article Discussion (Timeline for approval By MSBA). What are we going to know when we are at Town Meeting? Liz replied that we need to formally approve the Warrant Article. Not sure if there is enough information. The wording of the article comes from MSBA. What are we doing with the $410,000? Mr. Ward spoke with Mike Milanoski, and that he has information coming from Town Counsel. The wording for the article is coming soon from Town Counsel. Liz is concerned that $410,000 is not enough. We will have to ask for more. She feels we should give the total up front cost. We need to be crystal clear.

Heather feels we need to do the site walks.

Dan Ryan noted that we need this to get this process started and then come back to the Town. Jon Deli Priscoli feels this is a good idea.

Liz reminded everyone that the B3 option was the most cost efficient to run and build.

Heather feels we should ask for a full amount.

Mr. Ward, we need to make sure that the public knows we are doing this on bare bones. He feels people will trust us if we ask for just what we need.

Liz…wants to know where the $410,000 is coming from. We need to operate as a community. We need credibility.

Sarah, why wouldn’t we just ask for full amount? We need this to get through schematic and feasibility.

Patrick Meagher is concerned with the $850,000 that was already given. There are a lot of questions.

John Cotter noted that people are looking for answers. He feels we should ask for what we need for now and then tell them that we will be back at Special town Meeting to ask for more.

Liz discussed the timeline from MSBA. If this fails, we will have to go back to feasibility. If this passes on June 16, we would be in pipeline.

Liz is concerned these buildings will fail before a new building is built.

Double sessions would be needed if one of these buildings fails.

1. Barry Struski asked the public for their comments and/or concerns. Barry asked the committee to be good listeners.

Eraina Sullivan introduced herself and that she has a child coming in 3 years. Picture is worth a thousand words. She is horrified by the conditions of the buildings. Appreciated all the committee has done and is working on.

Alan Dunham apologized for being late. Two tiered approach is way to go. Be honest with voters. He feels we should go for lesser amount and let people know that we will back. Be honest with Town Meeting and voters. We have no choice now; we need to build a school. He reiterated, be honest with Town.

Gina Hanlon Cavicchi asked if questions regarding safety concerns at high school will be answered before Town Meeting. Safety is her first concern.

Steve Pratt, Town Building Study Committee, 30 year resident, 2 graduates of CHS. He gave a brief overview of previous attempts. He spoke about the model school. Fairhaven and Newburyport are combining their schools. He feels we need to look at all options. He had a handout regarding the Model School.

Jim Hoffman, 22 years, 2 children graduated, 1 still in school. What’s this project going to cost? That’s the bottom line.

Barry thanked the public for their comments.

Jon Delli Priscoli noted that the school affects real estate for this entire town whether you have children in the schools or not.

Dan Ryan talked about issues that could arise during renovation if we go B3. He noted that potential issues could cost more. We should look at the Model School as an option.

James O’Brien appreciated all comments from public. Is there a safety expert to help us deal with these questions?

Liz discussed the previous 4 engineered traffic studies that have been completed.

She noted that the Model School Process (to be selected) is a 6-9 month process. Whitman Hanson went through it but couldn’t make a match for them. MSBA told Diane Sullivan and Liz sorrel in February that Carver was not a good candidate for a model school. At the meeting in March, it was noted again that Carver was not a good candidate for a model school. Special education was discussed.

Stephanie Gavin asked about security. What has worked well or not worked well with young children on a high school campus. Could these questions be answered by other schools and how they have handled these items? Liz will contact some double campuses and ask general questions.

Liz is concerned with all students at one facility in case of an emergency.

Richard Ward made a motion to ask for $410,000 and go back for more. Seconded by Dan Ryan.

Richard Ward retracted his motion. This motion was withdrawn.

Liz and John Cotter want to know where this money is coming from.

Heather suggested having a site walk through and a brief meeting before Town meeting.

Paula Foley, Bow Street. She said that having been to Town Meeting and having been in favor of school, feels town deserves an explanation as to what the money has been spent on.

1. **Upcoming Dates and Reminders**

**Barry Struski** discussed proposed dates. Meeting on Monday, 6/16/14 at 6 pm?

June 23 – 6 pm – would that be convenient for everyone? Meet at CES site and then to CMHS. Meeting will conclude in the library of the CMHS. Site visits.

(Town meeting is third Monday)

**NOTE: Should we invite MSBA to give information and answer questions about the Model School Program?** Possible dates include: July 7July 21 August 4 August 18

1. **Adjourn** 
   1. Liz made a motion to adjourn at 9:30, seconded by Richard Ward. All in favor, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Yenulevich

Recording Secretary

Carver School Building Committee