

FACILITY MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
October 20, 2016
MINUTES

Committee Attending: Chairman George Hooper, Jeffrey Hull, Diane Allan, Valerie Gingrich, Jack Holloway, Theresa Manganello, Paul Melaragni, Joseph Parrella, Jr., and Paul Ruggiero

Liaisons Attending: Ginny Bonish

Others Attending: Members of the Board of Selectmen: Greg Bendel, Kevin Caira, and Michael McCoy; Kori Tuitt, Suzanne Neal, and Terry McDermott, Town Curator

Consultants Attending: None

1. Review Minutes

- Amendment on page 2.

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes with amendment. Approved by unanimous vote.

2. Project Development

George and Jeff explained that the subject of the meeting tonight is a presentation of detailed municipal options, but there appears to be a mix up with the consultant tonight since he is not present. Jeff proposed to hold a meeting on November 3rd as was previously talked about since tonight there must have been a scheduling mix-up.

The Committee discussed the timing of the school alternatives in light of personnel changes. Committee discussed that shouldn't wait for permanent superintendent replacement because it wouldn't be until July.

Diane suggested having a discussion on the ideas generally and asked if they would have general layouts of the options. Jeff said that was the idea for the evening. Jeff talked about the Swain Lot and how it has many important functions. He indicated that Steve thought the parcel could accommodate many if not all of those functions. The Committee discussed the size of the Swain lot and the lot next to St. Dorothy's.

Valerie commented that there is a wet area on swain parcel, but at this point it is not known if it's jurisdictional. Further study would be needed.

Theresa asked about capacity of high school parking lot. Committee discussed where extra high school parking could be created. Diane pointed out the parking would be used at different times for different uses.

Paul Melaragni stated that the farmers market doesn't preclude building on the Swain Lot. Paul commented that he always thought that developing that site with more use is a better idea.

Theresa commented that it is important to preserve student parking there. Parking spaces should not be taken from the High School. She commented that maybe they could be made up for in a different location.

Jeff reminded committee that at this stage we are looking at pros and cons of each scenario. That will inform the discussion of what's best.

Diane talked about the prioritization list and asked how those would work into the plan. Valerie commented that those priorities would be identified when looking at the pros and cons of each scenario.

Jeff asked about the library location in general. Theresa commented that she likes location, design, etc. Wouldn't be opposed to addition to the side. Committee members agreed. Joe commented that library should be tied into center better. George agreed that he likes the library location. Jack asked about possibility of an additional floor. George added that there were seismic issues.

Diane commented that the only issue with the library is the parking. If there is an addition, we may run into parking issue. She suggested that we should leave the library where it is and consider an addition, if parking could be provided adequately. The Committee discussed the need for larger meeting space at the library.

Kevin Cairra joined group and Jeff stated that there is a majority of the Board of Selectmen but no deliberations would made.

3. Next Meeting – The next meeting will be November 3rd at 6PM at the High School.

Meeting adjourned 7:00PM.