

Pepperell Building Committee Meeting

02/04/2021

Meeting convened at 6:31 pm

Attendees: Cathy Lundeen, David Scott, Andrew MacLean, David Querze, David Stairs, Brian Borneman, Joe LoBuono. Absent: Taya Dixon.

Guests: NMRSD Superintendent Brad Morgan, NMRSD SC Chairperson Craig Hansen, NMRSD SC Member Mike Morgan, NMRSD SC Member Tom Casey Selectperson Margaret Scarsdale, EDaC Chairperson Mark Mathews, JGPR Representative Jordan Mayblum, citizen Caroline Ahdab,

Chairperson Cathy Lundeen opened the meeting and **welcomed the school committee and superintendent** who were invited to keep them informed of the Town's plans regarding future building construction and to seek their support as major stakeholders in the community.

Chief David Scott provided an overview of building conditions at the Police Station.

TA Andrew MacLean discussed the near term and long costs associated with the projects being considered – major renovations to all three existing public safety buildings or a new combined public safety facility.

Cathy Lundeen reiterated that we are looking for community support. Superintendent Morgan expressed his support in that successful schools rely on successful public safety. School Committee Chairperson Craig Hansen agreed with the superintendent's perspective and asked what resistance the Building Committee was getting to their planning. The answer was costs and needs. Joe LoBuono mentioned that people are not aware of the conditions inside our public safety facilities.

John Guilfoyle Public Relations (JGPR) representative Jordan Mayblum was introduced. JGPR works for the Police Department already and is being asked to help create a professional presentation to help inform the community about the need for the proposed projects. Jordan should a sample presentation, explained the types of things JGPR could do and there were conversations about the specific direction the committee hoped to take the presentation.

David Stairs motioned to hire JGPR to create and publish a presentation for the Building Committee. Joe LoBuono seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Brian Borneman motioned to **approve the minutes** of January 21, 2021. Seconded by David Querze. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-1, Andrew MacLean abstained as he had not attended the meeting of the 21st.

Cathy Lundeen then discussed other groups to invite in for meetings and plans to inform the public about the project. A **Civic Engagement Night (CEN)** is being planned for April 8th. Margaret Scarsdale discussed some of the logistical needs of the CEN. Joe LoBuono was asked to be the committee representative/lead at the CEN. We then rescheduled some of the other planned events including the Seniors and the Pepperell Business Association as the committee wants to have the public presentation completed and practiced. We agreed to wait for the JGPR presentation.

Andrew MacLean provided a brief overview of the **OPM selection process**. We are hoping to have in negotiated price in time for Town Meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2021

David Querze motioned to adjourn, seconded by Brian Borneman, and voted unanimously, 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.