

**BUILDING COMMITTEE
BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BARRINGTON, RI 02806**

Minutes of the Building Committee 4/25/2016

Present were Mr. Guida, Mr. Zawatsky, Mr. Messore, Dr. Anderson, Mr. Brenner (7:52), Mr. Fahey, Mr. Finn, Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Jacques (7:20), Mr. Learned, Mr. Terrell and Mr. Tarro. Absent were Mr. Carroll, Mr. Cregan, Mr. Hervey, Ms. Ottone, Ms. Clancy, Mr. DePasquale, and Mr. Feeney.

Meeting began at 7:06 p.m.

- Mr. Guida explained that the School Committee was invited to the meeting however there were only two members of the School Committee present therefore there was not enough for a quorum so the School Committee will not be opening up their meeting.
- Motion was made by Mr. Zawatsky to approve the March 30, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Terrell. Motion carried. Mr. Fahey and Mr. Guida abstained.
- Motion was made by Mr. Zawatsky to approve the March 14, 2016 Sub-Committee minutes. Seconded by Mr. Messore. Motion carried.
- Mr. Guida introduced Dan Tavares, TGA Project Management Company working with the Peregrine Group. His main responsibility will be take work with the Building Committee and School Committee to help guide them through the steps from where they are now to the end of the project.
- Bob Clinton, VHB presented the Traffic Study that they had contacted for the Middle School Project. This study was to identify the existing traffic conditions and to look at the impact from the proposed site and to come up with alternatives and ways to improve. The worst time for traffic is in the morning. There are two queues that back up to over 1000 feet. The queues backs up and then blocks the traffic from moving around them and the residents from leaving their side streets. The afternoon pick up time the queues are less because more students take the buses home and there are after-school activities.
- The proposed traffic pattern would be a left turn pocket into the school on Middle Highway allowing the traffic to move around the cars that are going into the school. Lincoln Avenue would have a right turn in and a right turn out of the school. Also adding a left turn pocket and a left turn phase on Lincoln Avenue which will allow the traffic to move onto Middle Highway. The road would also need some widening to get the left turn in. Push buttons installed for the pedestrian crossings.
- Mr. Zawatsky questioned the number of accidents and the safety of this intersection. In the study the accidents that occurred happened at the non-peak time. How would you

characterized the conditions of the traffic and the accidents that occur? Mr. Clinton stated that these are no high accident or congestion areas. The traffic that occurs is in a very short period of the day. Mr. Zawtasky wanted to know if we are trying to fix something that really does not need to be fixed. Mr. Clinton pointed out that there are significant lines of traffic in the existing queues that are not allowing residents that live in the area the ability to get out of their streets.

- Mr. Fahey questioned the cost for making the changes with the traffic pattern. Mr. Clinton stated that it would be about 1 mi. however Dan Tavares stated that this figure was revised and the cost was now estimated at \$400,000.
- Ms. Jacobs stated that the Right turn in and Right turn out only from Lincoln Avenue would cause a safety issue with parents dropping off the students that did not want to go all the way around the school. She recommends that the Lincoln Avenue access would be an in and out access. Allowing parents to take a left turn out of the school and onto Lincoln Avenue.
- Mr. Tarro present the Enrollment update. The school department contacted NESDEC and they did an additional analysis of our enrollment projections. Their projection was done out to 2025 and they projected 841 students. However they did said that when a new building is built those projections come a lot sooner. This was close to the report that we received from Cropper. Cropper estimated 830-840 students. This report was shared with the Department of Education. He also spoke to the Dept of Ed that they did receive the information so that they have it while they are making their determination. The Department of Ed confirmed that they did receive the information.
- RIDE has this information and will use it to make the determination on what the dollar figure will be reimbursable. They will use this dollar figure and multiply it by the square feet.
- Mr. Guida presented an update on where RIDE is in the process. As early as tomorrow, RIDE will be briefing the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education on all school construction applications that are currently pending. On May 5th, the State Building Authority Advisory board will review all school construction applications. They will then come back to RIDE and indirectly to the Council. The Council will then vote on the projects on May 17th. We will have representative at that meeting to see what the response is and the outcome of the meeting.
- The Barrington Town Council will need to approve a number before it can go to the General Assembly for an induction for a bill there. The Town Council will be meeting on May 2nd and then not until the beginning of June. We have been informed by our General Assembly Delegation that waiting until June is too late for them to assure us that this proposal will get proper action to this bill which means that we will need to present something to the Town Council by May 2nd.

- Mr. Tarro gave an update on the Stage II application. RIDE confirmed that they did receive the documents and everything looks good. The Department of Education feel comfortable moving our application forward to the Council of Education and the Advisory Board. Mr. Tarro stated that we received a preliminary approval letter with some follow up information. Now we will be waiting for a letter from the Dept of Education with an approval and a dollar amount.
- Mr. Guida stated that if you multiply the enrollment of 841 by 162 which is 136,242. This would be the number that RIDE would potentially approve for reimbursable money. Right now the plans indicate a new building of approximately 165,000 sq. feet. The school department would be responsible for the difference.
- Mr. Tarro stated that KBA provided some documentation on developing a communication plan. Mr. Tarro stated that the administration is looking for not necessarily a sub-committee for communication but someone to work directly with the administration to get this process moving. This person would also work with KBA and the new communication consultant. Mr. Tarro, Mr. Messore and David Burrows (Director of Technology) will be meeting tomorrow to see how can improve the format of the Barrington website and a new link from this site. Suzy (Marketing – KBA) has been working to help move this process along.
- Mr. Guida stated that it is very important that we get the communication out to the public. Mr. Zawatsky asked if there is a timeline to get this communication out. Are we looking to do this before the Financial Town Meeting? Mr. Guida stated that it would be great if we could get the information out by the Financial Town meeting however it might not be feasible however if could get something out in early June this would be ideal.
- Mr. Messore stated that the PTO presidents will be coordinating something for May 17th with the elementary parents to do walk-throughs of the Middle School and to get communication out that way.
- Mr. Brenner suggested that the Committee should determine whether anyone from the public would be interested in assisting us to create a website for communicating details regarding the project. Mr. Brenner stated that the website should be active by the beginning of September when people start paying attention after the summer concludes. This would give the public over two months before the vote to review information in the website. Mr. Guida however feels that this will require a process for the website and the written materials to go through an evolution to refine it before we feel it is doing the best job for our communications.
- Mr. Brenner stated that he is willing to work on a Sub-Committee for Communications along with volunteers from the public who have the ability and experience to create a website.
- The Committee discussed establishing a project budget and making a recommendation to the School Committee. The committee discussed this in length and asked KBA and Dan Tavares,

OPM to meet and see if they can refine the numbers on the proposed budget and that on Thursday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. the Committee will reconvene to discuss further the project budget and recommendation.

- At 9:14 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Fahey. Seconded by Ms. Jacob. Motion carried.