

**Mountview School Building Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2012**

5PM

Mountview School

Present: Chairman Paul Challenger, David White, Gary Kaczmarek, Margaret Watson, Nancy Galkowski, Erik Githmark, Chris Lucchesi, Mike Sherman, Jacquie Kelly, Peter Brennan, Tom Pandiscio

Absent: Peter Brennan

Others Present: Mike Pagano, LPA, Bill Senecal, LPA, Elizabeth Helder, Recording Secretary, Alan Berg, FinCom, Marilyn Foley, FinCom, Karl Makela, FinCom, Jim Dunn, Fin Com, Dennis Lipka, Director, Growth Management, Anthony Renzoni, Selectman, Mark Ferguson, Selectman, Ken Lipka, Selectman, Steve Hammond, Ken Mills, Stacey Jackson, Cynthia Bazinet, Duncan Leith, Wachusett Regional School Committee Representatives

1. Project Update

Chairman Paul Challenger said the public meeting was being held to inform residents about how the committee was formed, a history of the project to date, and where the project is going. He asked all in attendance to sign in on the sign-in sheet. He encouraged anyone interested in helping out with the project to indicate it on the sign-in sheet. Copies of the power point presentation were distributed to the audience. The State approved the school for reimbursement in 2008.

Mike Pagano with Lamoureux-Pagano Architects provided a summary of the Massachusetts School Building Authority and how the MSBA has changed since the Town built its elementary schools and renovated the high school. The MSBA has been revamped and is a highly organized and controlled building process. LPA has been hired to conduct a Feasibility Schematic Design Study of the project which will be presented to the MSBA in March 2013. The project is in the first phase of the study: Preliminary Design Program (PDP). This portion of the study will cover every available option for the project. Mr. Pagano broke the MSBA Building Process down step by step. Alternatives being evaluated include 1. No Build; 2. Tuition Agreements with other Districts; 3. Existing Building Acquisition; 4. Base Repair 5. Renovation (A. Minimum – Fix What is broken, B. Medium – No Reconfiguration, C. Heavy – Blow out walls/new addition); 6. Build new on existing site; 7. Build new on alternate site. The conditions of the school are evaluated during the PDP process, including how the school supports state education programming requirements. The school is poorly insulated, and an energy hog, but sound. However, most of the building is out of Massachusetts building code and ADA code. Science labs are limited in plumbing and significantly undersized and general classrooms are undersized. Hazardous Materials have been identified within the school. The current square footage of the school is 91,000. Total proposed square footage is 128,000, which is the MSBA square footage for an enrollment of 800 students.

Alternative site selections were presented. There are only four alternative building sites in Town which contain the minimum 15-acres required to build a middle school. Three of the sites were excluded from consideration by the building committee due to cost, topography, abutters, lack of infrastructure, and wetlands. The only alternative site deemed appropriate by the committee is a site abutting the Mayo School on Malden Street. This is town owned land. The committee and

MSBA are only studying options; no decisions have been made. LPA is looking at two different development options for the Malden Street site.

3. Adjournment

Motion by Margaret Watson, seconded by Dave White, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 26, 2012 MEETING AT 9:20PM.**