

Town of Stonington
Permanent committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public
Buildings Including Town Hall Facilities
October 19, 2009

A regular meeting of the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings Including Town Hall Facilities was held on October 19, 2009, at the Stonington Police Station.

Present: Charles Ballato, George Brennan, David Christina, Stephen Singer, and invited guest, Paul Sartor, Chairman, K-12 School Building Committee.

Absent: Tony Cassata.

(1) Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

George Brennan, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Charles Ballato made a motion to approve the September 21, 2009 minutes, seconded by Stephen Singer, and the motion carried unanimously.

(2) Space Needs Analysis Study

George Brennan reported notification that Silver/Petrucci & Associates was selected to perform the Space Needs Analysis Study was mailed on October 16, 2009, to all the companies participating in the presentation. A meeting will be scheduled with the company as soon as possible to begin the project.

Paul Sartor, Chairman, K-12 School Building Committee provided an update on the activity of the K-12 School Building Committee. The Committee has not met since February. Mr. Sartor stated that the CO has been issued for the Stonington High School, however, there are some items to be completed with the remaining funds.

Following completion of the Stonington High School, the Committee went through an exercise to determine the best needs for the elementary schools (Dean's Mill School, Pawcatuck Middle School, Mystic Middle School, West Vine Street School, and West Broad Street School). The basic plan to meet the education specifications was to put an addition on West Vine Street School and Dean's Mill School. Students would be transferred from West Broad Street School to West Vine Street School. The Committee suggested that West Broad Street School be used for some administrative services. New construction and renovations would cost approximately \$30M. Mr. Sartor met with members of the Board of Finance and the First Selectman. Due to the economic climate, it was the consensus that it would not be feasible to proceed with any elementary school renovations.

George Brennan stated the company retained to perform the Space Needs Analysis Study will also be looking at town functions/space, and the Committee will provide direction as to what may be an alternatives e.g., West Broad Street School. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding elementary schools, possible alternatives, projected demographics, and the potential to sell Town property. Paul Sartor stated that the last study done by Fletcher Thompson can be provided which includes an analysis of each school, observations of code requirements, enrollment figures, and plans for each building. It may also be helpful for Silver/Petrucci & Associates to tour the elementary schools. Paul Sartor commented that most people want to keep West Broad Street as a town building. George Brennan suggested that the two committees meet when the Space Needs Analysis Study is complete.

(3) New Business

It was the consensus of the Committee to continue to meet on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

(4) Public Comments

None.

(5) Adjournment

There being no further business, Charles Ballato made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by David Christina, and the motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Maureen L. Carboni, Recorder

George Brennan, Chairman