

**Town of Stonington
K-12 Building Committee
March 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Julie Holland, Kathy Sanford, Deane Beverly, Rob Marseglia, Faith Leitner, George Crouse,

Members Absent: Joanne Rodriguez, John Mc...

Guests: Van Riley, Bill King, Frank Todisco, Terry Jordan, Paul Sartor, Peter Manning, Bill Sternberg

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm. The committee briefly discussed vice chair and secretary positions. No decisions were made.

Scope of Project: Paul Sartor discussed issues at Deans Mill School (DMS), West Broad Street School (WBSS) and West Vine Street School (WVSS). He suggested that many options could be explored by the committee.

Rob Marseglia suggests that the committee focus its attention on the addition to the WVSS.

Deane Beverly asked what improvements are needed at DMS, and Bill King provided some items that could be addressed, including roofing, HVAC, and parking.

Van Riley stated that the committee should remain focused, and not explore a project with a broad scope, which could cause the committee to lose momentum when trying to reach a goal.

Paul Sartor stated that there is a need for HVAC systems at all school buildings in town, with some buildings needing to be fully converted, and other buildings needing smaller projects. Paul also suggested that the committee use the education specifications to drive decisions.

Julie Holland stated that the committee will need to get voter approval from all areas of town, and we should look at improvements to DMS and WVSS, at a minimum.

Van Riley stated that the project could be a multiple phase project, with Phase 1 including addition to WVSS and improvements to DMS.

The committee discussed the next step in the process, which is to get money to hire an architect, who will use the education specifications to create concept plans. The K-12 Building Committee will have to ask the Board of Selectmen for money to hire the architect. The Selectmen will ask the Board of Finance to provide the funds. Maryanna Stevens will issue a request for proposal (RFP) for architects. G. Crouse motioned and J. Holland seconded to request up to \$50,000 for additions and improvements to the elementary schools. The motion was unanimously approved.

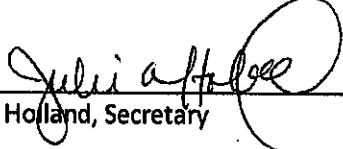
Paul Sartor provided some positive feedback about his experience in working with Fletcher Thompson as the architect, and Gilbane as the builder, and suggested the town think about hiring both companies again to support major construction projects.

The committee talked about the recent board of Education meeting where the police department discussed possible security improvement ideas at the schools, and a review of approved housing developments in Stonington, some of which are being built and some have not started construction.

The committee agreed to hold regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Special meetings will be scheduled as needed.

The next meeting of the K-12 Building Committee is April 9th at 7:00pm at the Board of Education meeting room in Central Office, Old Mystic.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.


Julie Holland, Secretary