



Town of Swampscott, Hadley Elementary School

Swampscott School Building Committee Meeting #33

Date & Time: 7:30AM on March 18, 2014

Location: Swampscott Middle School

Attended

Swampscott School Building Committee (SSBC):

Joseph Crimmins, SSBC Chair (JC)
Thomas Younger, Town Administrator (TY)
Pam Angelakis, Superintendent (PA)
Barry Greenfield, Board Selectmen (BG)
Glenn Paster, Communication & Marketing Professional (GP)
Carin Marshall, School Committee Member (CM)
Wayne White, SPS Business Manager (WW)
Niles Tooher, Engineer, (NT)
Laurier Beaupre, Ex. Officio (LB)

Hill International (Hill):

Paul Kalous (PK)
Inger Hamre-Foley (IF)

Mount Vernon Group Architects (MVG):

Frank Tedesco (FT)
Al Cuevas (AC)

Marshall Gary (MG)

Ben Gary (BG)

GEOD Consulting (GEOD)

Christopher Emilius (CE)

The purpose of the meeting is to move the Hadley Elementary School Project forward.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of meeting #32, dated March 11, 2014 be accepted.

Motion by: Glenn Paster

Seconded: Barry Greenfield

Vote: Unanimous

Approval of Invoices

Motion: That the Hill Invoice PBO-01692.00-0000011 in the amount of \$25,632.50 and Mount Vernon Group's Invoice 02013.08-0000008 for the amount of \$34,014 be accepted.

Motion by: Glenn Paster

Seconded: Barry Greenfield

Vote: Unanimous



Traffic Study

MVG introduced traffic engineer, Christopher Emilius from GEOD Consulting. Christopher is located in Burlington, and he has reviewed the site plan done by MG for the middle school site and think that it is a good plan, but noted that a traffic plan will only work if enforced by the district. In order to get better data on the current traffic flow, Christopher would have a team of four people, each in separate areas around the middle school, to count the cars during start and release of the school day. After the onsite traffic count is complete, the report could take 4 to 6 weeks to complete but might be able to speed this up if needed.

Outreach Plan and MSBA Board Meeting

The SBC was pleased with the number of residents that attended last Thursday's public forum meeting. Many of the residents have questions about the traffic, district versus neighborhood schools, educational benefits, school busses, effect on the neighborhood, construction logistics, MSBA process, and cost. With the project going to the MSBA Board meeting next week, many SBC members felt that time would be limited for the information about the project, including the traffic study, to get to the residents prior to the Town Meeting in May and Town Vote in June.

If the SBC request that the MSBA delay the review and vote at their Board Meeting until July, the SBC would have extra time to reach out and address the questions and concerns, complete the a more comprehensive traffic study and give the residents time to consider the new elementary school project.

PA noted that the School Department is currently working on budget issues for FY14 and FY15, and she would be limited in the time spent on the building project over the next few months. Many of the SBC members felt a delay of the MSBA Board review and vote would allow PA to focus on the school department's budget for the next few months and have the time needed to respond and address the educational part of the building project to the residents during the summer and fall.

Motion: To request the MSBA to delay their review and vote of the Swampscott New Elementary School project to their July 2014 Board Meeting.

Motion by: Barry Greenfield

Seconded: Carin Marshall

Vote: seven votes for the motion, one vote against (GP)

Hill will contact the MSBA this morning to relay the vote and decision of the SBC regarding the delay, and MVG will work with Christopher Emilius on the traffic study. Hill and MVG will continue to attend meetings and provide support to the SBC despite the delay.

Next Meeting:

The next School Building Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:30AM in the Middle School Conference Room.