

Nauset Regional High School Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
5:30 pm Room N109

I TO ORDER/ AGENDA CHANGES

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm. In attendance: Jacqui Beebe, Ron Collins, Tom Conrad, Jody Craven, Chris Easley, Tom Faris, Greg Levasseur, Tony Nannini, Jim Nowack, Harry Terkanian, Kathleen Tringale, Giovanna Venditti, Christina Opper, Kent Kovacs

II CITIZENSPEAK

NONE. Brewster Finance Committee member Tom Fitzgibbons was in attendance.

III PRIORITY BUSINESS

A. MSBA Submittal Update from Daedalus and Flansburgh

Kent Kovacs brought four more hard copies of the schematic design submission that was submitted on 1/2/2020 to the MSBA to meet their requirement for review for the upcoming board meeting. Included are the module four requirements: outline specifications and a drawing set. Kent will forward an electronic link of the schematic design binder to us. Projects typically receive feedback comments from the MSBA's review before meeting with them; we are waiting to receive those comments. We then have fourteen days to respond. The majority of their comments will pertain to what the MSBA will consider for eligible space and reimbursement. The meeting in Boston is Thursday, 1/16/2020 at 9:30 am. Greg Levasseur, Tom Conrad, Chris Easley, Chris Ellsasser, and Jim Nowack will attend the meeting.

B. Cost Estimate Update with Latest Version

Fee structures and the sums for both Daedalus and Flansburgh have been revised. The MSBA will review and may change and adjust but the bottom line for the project is \$131,825,665.00 and the net for the towns is \$94 million. Greg thanked the committee for their hard work. The committee reduced from the project by 6,000 square feet and 9 million dollars.

C. Update from LCCTV Discussion

Greg Levasseur attended the recent LCCTV Meeting (Lower Cape Community TV). Board members were relieved to learn they would occupy the same footprint as current; the space will be reversed for lighting and logistics. The station still has several issues to deal with. A) The five towns signing a contract with Comcast. B) The five towns coming to an agreement with them about how much money they are going to get out of that new contract with Comcast. C) A new contract with Nauset Regional Schools to occupy a space in the future. Other issues as the project moves forward are how we will address the issue of signal loss when B Building is under construction.

Kathleen Tringale spoke on Lisa Orlandella's behalf to confirm the classroom space that we currently use in the television station for video production will still be available for our students. Kent stated there is one video lab for the station that is larger than the space now that may have to be scheduled for use that is educational reimbursable space. Greg Levasseur and Tom Conrad agreed there needs to be further discussion with LCCTV and administration about use, the numbers of kids in the program, and a classroom learning environment used by adults and students.

D. Discuss New Meeting Venue

The newly renovated Orleans Police Department has a community room, and seats 45 people with a wraparound AV. The sound would be improved and we could video meetings to post on the community television station. Ron Collins will connect with the station to schedule future meetings.

Tom Conrad spoke about our current public outreach. On 1/16/20 at 3:30 pm there will be an Orleans Forum. Orleans resident and former selectman Alan McLennan is helping us with the outreach and we are expecting 80-90 residents at the senior center. Tom also spoke about the concern for how we are promoting the project going forward. The voting process is twelve weeks away and starts with the town of Wellfleet on April 27th. What type of model do we have? Are we continuing with forums? What is the best strategy for conversation in the Brewster community and some unique issues? What is our focus message and who are the new groups we want to focus on?

Also, we need to address the public in an honest, thoughtful, non-threatening way with information about the project if it does not pass. There is still a lot of misconceptions in the community and we need to educate them about the process. There is standard MSBA language that Christa Opper can assist us with to explain what happens if there is a no vote.

Keith Gauley is the point person for creating the Political Action Committee. They need a passionate group to speak out about the project with facts, to fundraise, create pamphlets, disburse vote yes signs, and a phone chain to vote. They are focusing on 14 captains out of the elementary schools. All the PTOs and community groups should have the same information to present about the project so that the correct, same verbiage to questions is used.

A trifold brochure should be developed with the cost impact, clarifying statements and FAQ's. The brochure can be expanded as the forums continue. Kent stated the OPM and architect can attend the public forums to help answer questions and make sure to get input and feedback from groups. There are a number of legal issues we need to be careful of. As committee members, we have to stay neutral and can only give facts about the project but cannot solicit or sway voters. In the past, the MSBA would send representatives to advise about the legalities. Kent will work on following up to see if the service still exists. Members legally can financially contribute as citizens to the political action committee but cannot be part of the group. Members can also inform the political action committee with information they need to promote the vote.

What role if any do we want to get the students involved with helping the project? Do we have designated speakers to present at our town meetings? We want someone who knows the facts, can persuade and articulate on the floor with a reputation for being honest, intelligent, and trustworthy. Harry Terkanian will speak in Wellfleet. Alan McLennan will speak in Orleans.

Further discussion about the political action committee continued including the timing of votes in each town, town meeting handouts, voter registration dates, brainstorming, funding, childcare on town meeting nights, placement of the article at town meeting, and mailings.

Chair Greg Levasseur has drafted a document explaining what happened to the code only upgrade and why the committee did not decide on that. The decisions and financial reasons are outlined and explained in a Code Compliant Document that will be sent to the committee.

E. Payment of Bills

Jim Nowack motioned to pay Daedalus \$7,500 to Daedalus on 11/22/19 for services rendered. Chris Easley seconds the motion. The committee votes unanimously. Jim Nowack motioned to pay Flansburgh for services rendered for the month of October for \$59,375. Giovanna Venditti seconds the motion. The committee votes unanimously.

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Collins motioned to approve the minutes of 12-11-19. Chris Easley seconds, the committee votes unanimously.

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 5:30pm.

V ADJOURNMENT

Ron Collins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chris Easley seconds the motion. The committee votes unanimously. Chair Greg Levasseur thanks members for attending. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Wendy Spampinato.

Print Name Greg Levasseur Title CHAIR

Signature  Date 4/15/20