

NRHS Building Committee Minutes

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Virtual Meeting 4:00 pm

I CALL TO ORDER/ AGENDA CHANGES

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm. In attendance: Jackie Beebe, Ron Collins, Tom Conrad, Chris Easley, Chris Ellsasser, Tom Faris, Greg Levasseur, Jim Nowack, Lisa Orlandella, John O'Reilly, Dave Telman, Harry Terkanian, Kathleen Tringale, Giovanna Venditti, Peter Wade, Kent Kovacs, Christina Opper, Richard Marks

II CITIZENS SPEAK None

III PRIORITY BUSINESS

A. Project Update and status of path forward

- Chair Greg Levasseur thanked Kathleen Tringale and the group that helped complete the informational flyer. The flyers have been printed and are available to share with the community.
- Kent Kovacs and his Flansburgh Team have built the first of two models of the project. It is currently housed at the Central Office and is ready to be transported around to various community spaces for voters to see. In addition, there are new larger boards to display publicly to replace the older version.
- Christina Opper has recently rebuilt our website after an initial crash followed by another crash. Greg thanked Christina for her work. The rebuilt website is broken down into sections and Greg urged the committee to view. There is a section with FAQ's and the site is being well received.
- Because of the Covid-19 restrictions the building project has idled and we have been unable to hold public forums and continue outreach. The MSBA voted to support our project on 2/13/20. Our contract originally states the four towns have 120 days from that date to vote to approve the project. We are waiting for the four towns to give us their rescheduled town meeting and town election dates. We are anticipating these dates will be after mid- June. We are asking the MSBA for an extension. Richard Marks has reached out via email and through a MCPPO refresher course (Mass Certified Public Purchasing Officer) and the MSBA has indicated they are willing to work with us to extend those 120 days. The MSBA is continuing to fund projects and move forward virtually.
- Kent Kovacs reported that Flansburgh is working on slowing down the animation on the recent website video. Kent's team continues to review the overall plan of the project. Tom Conrad noted the model is outstanding. Some other areas they are exploring further with 3d views are the research centers and cafeteria.
- Greg shared we are planning video recordings at the high school studio in lieu of the 4 forums we had previously scheduled. After we receive input from the committee we will post to the website and other town sites.

B. Questions from Members About the Project

- Chris Easley asked if we should ask the MSBA for another 120 day extension. Richard Marks agreed that an additional 120 days was a reasonable time frame. The reason the MSBA does not want to extend indefinitely is they want to be able to commit funds to other schools.
- Jackie Beebe agreed it would be unreasonable for the MSBA to deny us an extension given that it is the emergency order from the governor that town meetings have been suspended. Current legislation allows towns to have town meetings up to and beyond 6/30 but not delay elections beyond that date. All towns are grappling with postponing town meetings but being unable to postpone town election. Possibly a June town meeting followed by another in late August or early September with another election? Harry suggested a possible solution could be that towns hold a special election.
- Further discussion about concerns with the 6/30 date, town meeting and the PAC group were discussed.
- Federal funding in place for "shovel ready projects" was mentioned and Richard Marks noted there may be federal funding in place to help supplement the state funding.
- Vote by the regional school committee to vote on the language of the article has been delayed.

C. Payment of Bills

- Jim Nowack motioned to pay bills from the 4/8/2020 warrant. Chair Greg Levasseur seconded the motion. A roll call to vote was held by Greg Levasseur, the committee voted unanimously to approve the warrant. The bills total in the amount of \$189,807 and include the following:
Invoice #20028 to Daedalus for services rendered- \$4,000
Invoice #0031755 to Flansburgh for environmental site assessments- \$3,960
Invoice #0031880 to Flansburgh for services rendered in September 2019 - \$59,375
Invoice #0031971 to Flansburgh for services rendered in November 2019 - \$59,375
Invoice # 0032031 to Flansburgh for services rendered in February 2020 - \$59,375
Invoice #972 to LaTanzi, Spaulding & Landreth LLP for land title issues - \$1,360
Invoice # 10025 to LaTanzi, Spaulding & Landreth LLP for land title issues - \$960
Invoice #122412 to Thompsons Printing Inc. for brochure printing - \$1,402

D. Items the chair could not reasonably anticipate

- Jackie Beebe noted the Eastham Board Of Selectmen and the Finance Committee have both endorsed this building project. Jackie applauded Nauset for how we are managing the current situation during these unprecedented times.
- The School Committee has yet to vote to borrow the money for the project. The legislature has not delayed extending the period during this shutdown.
- School Choice continues to be the pressure point for this project. The school committee and the parents group put together a clear defense of the school choice decision. Tom Conrad noted a town page document is available in relation to school choice. Tom suggested the document be shared with committee members. .
- Brewster Board of Selectman have voted to support the project unanimously, the finance committee have not met to vote yet.
- Greg Levasseur mentioned Ben Zhender is still working on the process with our land title issue.


IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Easley motions to approve the minutes of 2-12-20. Peter Wade seconds the motion. Greg Levasseur takes a roll call for committee members to vote. Ron Collins, John O'Reilly, and Jackie Beebe abstain and the rest of the committee votes unanimously.

V ADJOURNMENT

Giovanna Venditti motions to adjourn the meeting. John O'Reilly seconds the motion. Greg Levasseur roll calls the vote to committee members. The committee votes unanimously to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Minutes submitted by Wendy Spampinato

<u>GREGORY LEVASSEUR</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>
Print Name	Title
<u></u>	<u>11/6/20</u>
Signature	Date