



## PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District  
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January 9, 2006  
Minutes

Present: F. Rothhaus, L. Rothhaus, S. Barnes, J. Vaillancourt, and C. Morrison  
Excused: S. Heinrich

J. Vaillancourt called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. She announced that S. Heinrich was out of town and that Chief Mulligan and Matt Shevenell would not be attending the meeting.

### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

S. Barnes made a MOTION to approve the minutes of November 14, 2005. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED 5 – 0 – 0.

### **PBC Website**

S. Barnes told the Committee that she had not begun work on the website, but that she expected progress soon. J

### **Traffic & Parking**

J. Vaillancourt told the Committee that the School Board has decided not to put forth a warrant article for additional parking at the high school. In addition, they have also decided not to put forth a warrant article to add funds from surplus to the Paving Capital Reserve Fund.

By consensus, members agreed with putting off both warrant articles; however, they felt that traffic and parking issues at the schools need to be recognized and a plan to possible remediation needs to be developed.

F. Rothhaus stated that some problems might be resolved at little cost by better signage, painted lines and education.

J. Vaillancourt noted that a recent middle school PTO email newsletter discussed the continuing traffic issues at the middle school. She also indicated that while the morning traffic flow at Masticola Elementary is fine, the afternoon traffic flow is in need of improvement.

F. Rothhaus noted that the parking lot attendants at the high school have been cut from the budget. Discussion turned to school policies on traffic and parking, and whether better enforcement of those policies would improve traffic and parking conditions at the high school.

F. Rothhaus suggested that the parking fees charged at the high school could become School District Revenue and possibly pay for the parking lot personnel. C. Morrison suggested that each parking space be numbered and that each student with parking privileges be given an assigned parking space.

Members agreed to devote the meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> to discussing traffic and parking at all schools; after which, a report with recommendations would be developed for presentation to the School Board at a School Board meeting. J. Vaillancourt will communicate with each building administrator to ask what works, what doesn't, and for suggestions and comments.

### **Technology**

J. Vaillancourt told the Committee that the School Board had cut the technology that had been presented to the Committee from the proposed operating budget and had planned to present it as a separate warrant article. However, the School Board has now decided not to present it a warrant article either.

L. Rothhaus made a MOTION that the Committee sponsor a petitioned warrant article to replace the Windows 98 computers. Second: S. Barnes. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Members then discussed whether to petition just computers or all of the items suggested in the Technology Plan. Members noted that the original proposal was for \$161,000 and yet the amount cut from the budget was \$106,000. J. Vaillancourt suggested she talk to Pam Tinker to quantify costs and numbers. She also proposed a meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> to finalize plans. Members concurred.

L. Rothhaus made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: C. Morrison. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

J. Vaillancourt adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich