



## PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District  
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March 29, 2004  
Minutes

Present: T. Koenig, W. Morrison, C. Morrison, K. Powell and School Board liaison P. McGrath  
Excused: S. Heinrich  
Absent: F. Rothhaus

W. Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. He told the members the purpose of the meeting was to review a plan proposed by the Friends of Merrimack Baseball to enhance the Varsity Baseball Field at the middle school by adding a “bullpen/batting cage” and a concession stand. He told the Committee that this plan had been reviewed and approved by Matt Shevenell and Shirley Lemay and had been reviewed by the School Board. However, W. Morrison told the Committee had concerns about how this project would impact the Committee’s plan for the back parking lot at Masticola Elementary School. He also told the Committee that he thought there would be representatives from the Administration or the Baseball Friends present; however, he was concerned that there had been a communication mix-up.

The Committee reviewed maps and discussed various options. Discussion included

- Sight lines from the parking lot
- Ability of buses to make safe turns out of the parking lot
- Blasting to remove ledge
- Removal of some or all of the trees
- Lack of anything official regarding the change of trees in the White Pines Project

The Committee also reviewed and discussed maps with potential additional parking lots north of the water retention pool, which could add almost 100 parking spaces to the area. There was discussion about whether these parking lots would be used for high school parking or Masticola Elementary School parking. The possibility of paving an area near the tennis courts was also mentioned.

By consensus, the Committee agreed that the field enhancement project was a great idea, but had a potential impact on the plans the Committee had for traffic and parking improvements at the elementary school. After discussion, the Committee wrote the following recommendation:

*The Planning and Building Committee has been working on an additional driveway exit from the back parking lot at Masticola Elementary School to alleviate the bussing and parking issues at the Masticola complex. The Planning and Building Committee urges delay in the approval and implementation of the proposed field enhancement project until it receives more input to best coordinate the two plans as both projects impact the same piece of property.*

C. Morrison made a motion to approve this recommendation. Second: K. Powell. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed a next meeting date, but no meeting date was set.

K. Powell made a motion to adjourn. Second: T. Koenig. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,