



## PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District  
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### Minutes November 14, 2006

Present: R. Hendricks, L. Rothhaus, S. Heinrich, S. Barnes

Excused: K. Annutto, F. Rothhaus

S. Heinrich called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. He noted that School Board liaison J. Thornton could not attend the meeting.

#### **MHS Traffic & Parking**

S. Heinrich told the Committee that he had been to the high school at various different times during the school day and found that while there are many empty parking spaces in the farthest parking lot at both the beginning and end of the day, there are only 5-6 empty parking spaces in that lot at mid-day.

R. Hendricks told the Committee that he had done a study of traffic at the high school on two different days, one day near the Legion on Baboosic Lake Road and one day near Watson Park on DW highway, at the close of school. He provided the Committee with a minute by minute break down of cars and buses going and coming from the high school from 2:10 PM and 2:30 PM. He indicated that around 330 cars plus buses exit the high school area and. He also noted the 21 cars coming up Woodbury Street and 41 cars entering O’Gara Drive going to the high school. Members felt that additional study was needed, perhaps with two or more members doing the study on the same day and perhaps including someone located outside the front of the high school.

By consensus, members agreed to provide three proposals to the School Board:

- A. “Soup to Nuts” – optimal, ideal, including everything.
- B. Middle of the Road.
- C. Absolute Minimum

Plan A would include everything listed in Plan B and Plan B would include everything listed in Plan C. Installing some type of guard rails along O’Gara Drive near the tennis courts and overall better signage were suggested for Plans A, B and C. Doing something to improve the parking area at the tennis courts was suggested for Plan A and B. Removing the interior guard rails was suggested for Plan A.

Members also felt they needed additional input from the Maintenance Department, the Police Department and the High School Administration. It was agreed to ask Shirley Lemay to attend the next meeting.

Members also wanted information on whether a Capital Trust Fund could be established funded by parking and ticket fees and dedicated to parking lot maintenance issues at the high school.

S. Barnes made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich