



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

Minutes October 11, 2023

Present: R. Hendricks, M. Alukonis, G. Perry, Tim Groff, F. Rothhaus, S. Albuquerque and School Board Liaison L. Rothhaus

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Central Office Proposal

L. Rothhaus told the Committee the School Board has confirmed that it will put a new Central Office on the ballot in the spring.

R. Hendricks called for discussion on the proposal as well as what the Committee can do to help facilitate its passage.

Discussion included the following:

- Is the conference room large enough?
- There is a possibility that the School Board will create a community committee to work with the Planning and Building Committee developing ways to promote the project.
- A photo or video tour of the current offices is a number one priority and could be presented at an upcoming School Board meeting.
- How has the plan changed and how many additional employees need to be located in the Central Office since the proposal in 2013?
- The Middle School bond is paid off which means the project would not increase the tax rate.
- Not all committee members have copies of the most recent maps and plans.
- How old are the current office buildings?
- Social Media and various Merrimack Forums may be good places to promote the plan,
- Is there an actual approved Master Plan?
- The cost of the new Central Office needs to include tear down of the current facilities.
- A "Question and Answer" program on cable with Business Administrator Shevenell might also be a good idea.
- Committee members could do a presentation at the Senior Center.
- Does the project need Planning Board approval?

L. Rothhaus and F. Rothhaus left the meeting during the discussion.

Approval of Prior Minutes

R. Hendricks made a MOTION to approve the minutes of September 25, 2023. Second: T. Groff.
MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Next Meeting

R. Hendricks said the next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2023.

Members requested that the meeting start with a tour of the current Central Office and Special Service buildings.

The clerk will arrange for a tour and notify all members with the specifics.

Adjournment

R. Hendricks made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: G. Perry.

R. Hendricks called for a vote and declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich