



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

Minutes
May 9, 2022

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

Also Present: Assistant Superintendent for Business M. Shevenell, Director of Maintenance T.
Tousseau and Keach Nordstrom Engineers: S. Keach & M. Keach,

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Re-organization

F. Rothhaus made a MOTION to retain the same slate of officers as last year. Second: S. Albuquerque. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Approval of Prior Minutes

R. Hendricks made a MOTION to approve the Minutes from January 10, 2022. Second: N. Schoenfeld. MOTION PASSED: 5-0-1 (G. Perry abstained.)

Master Plan Discussion

M. Shevenell told the Committee that he is the School District liaison to the Town Center Committee and that Woodbury Street has been upgraded as part of the Town Center Plan.

S. Keach told the Committee that important parts of the Master Plan for the high school complex are the demolition of the Brentwood building and the location of a new Central Office, but the “driver” of a Master Plan for the high school complex is transportation. He suggested that Woodbury Street be extended into a 4-way intersection with O’Gara Drive.

M. Shevenell said the School District owns O’Gara Drive and that a proper sidewalk on at least one side of O’Gara from the school to Baboosic Lake Road needs to be included in the plan.

Discussion included:

- Parking lot lighting
 - Lighting “trays”
 - Lighting hardscape
- Traffic pattern in the complex
 - Buses for drop-off and pick-up go around the building.
 - Cars picking up students in “the bowl”
- Parking
 - How many spaces are needed
 - Need to reconfigure entire lot
 - Need for paved parking near the JMUES fields for MHS sporting events

- Parking lot construction can only be done during summer vacation (10 – 12 weeks)
 - Biggest obstacle is the utility candelabra near the NW side of building
- Use Excavation Waste to create berms
- Snow “storage”
- Minimize elimination of trees
- Tennis courts may not be needed
- New Central office
 - 8,500 square feet
 - \$4 million dollars
 - Better if separated from the high school campus?
- Don’t make O’Gara one way
- Effect of Everett Turnpike expansion on the high school and Baboosic Lake Road
- Demolition
 - Demolish Brentwood sooner rather than later
 - Can Students Services be temporarily relocated or put in a portable?
- Maybe good idea to present these plans to Planning Board

S. Keach said he thought the Master Plan could be divided into 4 phases:

1. Demolish Brentwood and Special Services buildings
2. & 3. Parking, including Woodbury extension
4. New Central Office

He suggested that over the coming summer the campus be fully surveyed and he could develop a detailed design and plan for presentation to the Committee in September.

R. Hendricks made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: S. Albuquerque. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich