



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE
Merrimack School District
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Minutes
December 13, 2010

Present: L. Rothhaus, F. Rothhaus, S. Heinrich, G. Perry and R. Hendricks
Excused: D. Powell

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM.

Approval of Prior Minutes

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of September 21, 2010 and September 27, 2010. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 – 0.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of October 4, 2010. Second: G. Perry. MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 – 0.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of October 12, 2010. Second: G. Perry. MOTION PASSED: 4 – 0 – 1, with L. Rothhaus abstaining.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of October 25, 2010. Second: G. Perry. R. Hendricks offered a correction. MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0 – 0.

Combined SAU/SpEd Report

R. Hendricks thanked all members for attending the November 1st School Board meeting where the report was presented. He said the School Board voted to accept the report. He also reported that the School Board had voted to move construction of a new SAU office to FY 2013-14 and that he thought the School Board would be putting a warrant article to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, funded with some portion of surplus, on the 2011 Warrant.

Next Project

R. Hendricks told the Committee that he had attended a meeting of PTO presidents. He said there was a lot of discussion specifically about “traffic/parking” issues at various schools. He suggested that District-wide traffic/parking should be the next project the Committee works on.

Members discussed the situation at each school:

Mastricola Elementary (back lot) - This school seems to be in the best shape.

James Mastricola Upper Elementary School – There are traffic issues with bus and parent drop-off and pick-up.

Mastricola Complex – The “bowl” needs attention.

Thorntons Ferry School – There are some line of sight issues when exiting onto Naticook Road.

Reeds Ferry School – There are many issues, including the need to repave and/or fix Lyons Road.

Merrimack Middle School – The issue of cars and busses co-mingling during student drop-off and pick-up, and that the Committee once discussed, are still problems.

Merrimack High School – It was suggested that work should be done in conjunction with building the new SAU office.

After discussion, members prioritized the list:

1. Reeds Ferry – it was suggested that members should try to visit the school during “rush” hours and that pictures or a video would be a good idea. In addition, the Committee should talk with the principal
2. Merrimack Middle School – members suggested that it be a good idea to talk with principal Woelflin to discuss the situation.
3. Merrimack High School – specific issues and solutions to be determined.

Members noted that overall goals of parking projects should be pavement upkeep and maintenance, stabilization of traffic flow, and improved communication.

Next Meeting

R. Hendricks polled the members about meeting start time. By consensus, members agreed that meetings should start at 7:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2011.

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: R. Hendricks. MOTION PASSED 5 – 0 – 0.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich