



## PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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### Minutes

September 12, 2016

Present: R. Hendricks, L. Rothhaus, S. Sheridan, S. Heinrich, F. Rothhaus (arrived late), G. Perry (arrived late) and School Board Liaison A. Schneider  
Also present: M. Chiafery and M. Shevenell.

R. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7 PM. He announced that approval of minutes and a report from L. Rothhaus on athletic fields would be tabled until a future meeting.

#### **Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.)**

M. Chiafery and M. Shevenell presented the proposed C.I.P.

M. Shevenell said the HVAC repair that had been removed from the budget last year is in the C.I.P. for the upcoming year and is marked as urgent. He indicated that District can make temporary repairs if there is a problem, but that it needs to be replaced.

M. Shevenell told the Committee that the 1997 addition roofs at Thorntons Ferry and Reeds Ferry are scheduled for replacement. Both are out of warranty, though the roof at Thorntons Ferry is at greater risk than the roof at Reeds Ferry.

A. Schneider suggested that all paving at the high school be lumped into one large project, possibly put as a warrant article and that the District might want to look into grants for sidewalks.

(F. Rothhaus arrived at this time.) Members suggested that the Committee is currently working on a new SAU plan which might include paving upgrades at the high school.

M. Chiafery told the Committee that Administration has put funds for Technology upgrades in each year of the C.I.P. and is working on "Bring Your Own Device" policies.

M. Chiafery told the Committee that she has talked to Honeywell about solar panels and other energy saving initiatives which the School Board might want to consider pursuing.

Members discussed what year a turf field should be on the C.I.P. and whether it should be bonded. They noted the life of a turf field is considered to be 15 years. (G. Perry arrived during the discussion.)

M. Chiafery told the Committee that the School Board is looking into a water filtration system to

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be installed at all schools in response to the PFA situation. She said the District is also waiting to see if the Merrimack Village District or the Town Council is putting forward a town-wide “solution.” She said that water at all schools has been tested and the school with highest PFOA concentrations is Reeds Ferry, but that it is below current standard.

R. Hendricks made a MOTION to move the turf field to 2019-2020. Second: L. Rothhaus. MOTION PASSED 6 – 0 – 0 with the School Board liaison in favor.

**Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting will be held on October 11, 2016. At that meeting, the Committee will review District owned property to determine if any parcel has potential space for additional athletic fields.

L. Rothhaus made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: S. Sheridan. MOTION PASSED.

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich