



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Minutes
January 25, 2016

Present: R. Hendricks, S. Heinrich, G. Perry, S. Sheridan, L. Rothhaus and School Board Liaison
A. Schneider

Excused: F. Rothhaus

Also present: P. Heinrich

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

Prior Minutes

S. Heinrich made a MOTION to approve the minutes of November 9, 2015. Second: S. Sheridan.
MOTION PASSED: 4 – 0 – 1. (L. Rothhaus abstained.)

Report from School Board Liaison

A. Schneider told the Committee that a new track is in the proposed operating budget. He said the School Board believes that fixing the track is urgent and not fixing the track could mean closing down the track due to potential liability issues. He also said that proposed track will have an eight lane straightaway.

A. Schneider said that the tennis courts on O’Gara Drive were discussed at the joint meeting between the School Board and the Town Council. The Town Council will not be renewing the lease when it expires in 2018, thus the property will revert to the School District. A. Schneider told the Committee that the School Board will be issuing a charge asking it to look at the potential of this property as a site for the new SAU offices. He said the School Board has concerns about how the traffic at the new SERESC charter school could impact the current plan. He also said the School Board plans to put a bond for a new SAU office on next year’s warrant.

Discussion included

- The terms of the Federal grant to build the tennis courts
- The cost of repairing the tennis courts
- Removal of structures currently on the site
- How the PSNH right-of way impacts the property.
- The need to review of soil tests and surveys

Current Projects

Track Replacement

S. Heinrich said that the Road Runner’s Booster Club has sent a letter to the School Board and the Budget Committee in support of the project. Members noted that the life span of well-maintained tracks is 10 years. Members also noted that the track replacement is in the operating budget and

the operating budget is greater than the default budget.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be February 8, 2016.

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

R. Hendricks adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.