

BUDGET / FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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MINUTES

Monday, May 9, 2011

Mt. Hope High School Cafeteria

Present

Subcommittee: William O'Dell (Chair), John Bento and Diana Campbell

School Committee, Administration and Staff: Denise Arsenault (6:40), Karen Lynch, Marjorie McBride, Melinda Thies, Mario Andrade, Pauline Silva and George Simmons (6:47)

Guests: Diane Williamson

Bill O'Dell called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

5 Year Asset Protection Plan

Bill O'Dell placed this item on the agenda at the request of a School Committee member. At the full Committee's business meeting Bill will give a report to clarify some of the misconceptions that got out to the public. Later in this meeting Bill asked for any further issues with

the plan; there were none voiced.

Solar Panel Grant Opportunity

Diana Williamson, the Bristol Director of Community Development, explained the Town of Bristol is planning on entering into a lease agreement for a solar panel opportunity available to only non-profit concerns. DCS Energy secures solar panels with federal grant money, and with the permission of the Town, installs the panels on buildings with flat roofs; 100 sf of unobstructed area is needed. DCS gets the energy credit and the Town gets the energy from the panels that equals \$330 per month on average from the largest system of 18 kw. After 5 years, DCS donates the panels to the Town, who can then continue to use them, and thus be responsible for maintenance and repair, or could remove them; there is no commitment beyond the first 5 years. The Town is planning on installing the panels on several of their buildings and would like to include Mt. Hope High School. We get three electric bills for the high school so would be eligible for 3 – 18 kw units. Melinda would like Andrew Henneous to review the lease before we make any commitments. An engineer will be in Town this Thursday to assess the Town's buildings and could look at Mt. Hope as well. This is agreeable because there is no commitment at this point; George will be available to supervise. Questions remain: After the 5 years does the Town own the panels or does the District? What sort of maintenance issues will fall upon us? Diane Williamson will get these answers and will provide Administration with a copy of the

lease agreement. The Budget Subcommittee will further discuss this at their May 16th meeting and forward a recommendation to the full Committee for consideration at their May 23 business meeting.

Facilities Update

George needs the Asset Protection Plan solidified to begin planning summer maintenance work and securing contractors.

George is waiting for SMMA to complete a plan for the emergency repair work at the high school. At this time of year, we have to juggle expenditures between this year's budget and next year's budget. Once the summer plan is complete, George will share it with the Subcommittee.

While at a meeting in one of the computer labs, Denise Arsenault experienced excessive heat and no air circulation—not conducive to learning. George said a contractor is coming to install a split system to provide air conditioning to that room and another computer lab.

Goose Poop

George treated the fields a number of times at a cost of \$3,500 each treatment, which was only temporarily effective. A total success has been the disruption of nests by Walter Burke and DEM; DEM approval is needed for this method. Oiling the goose eggs is another approach but less effective.

Adjournment

MOTION: At 7:04 PM Diana Campbell motioned to adjourn. John Bento seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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