

MINUTES ~ MAY 10, 2005

Ponaganset High School Library

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gregory Laramie, Chair of the Foster Glocester Regional Building Committee, called the meeting of the Foster Glocester Regional Building Committee to order at 7:05 PM in the Ponaganset High School Library.

2. Roll Call

Mrs. Kecia Pierce asked for the roll call. In attendance were Mr. George Jacques of Glocester, Mr. Raymond Fogarty of Glocester, Mr. Warren Ducharme of Foster, Mr. Dennis Chretien of Foster, Mrs. Patti Fountain of Foster and Mrs. I. Lorraine O'Connors of Glocester. Mr. William Abt of Foster joined the meeting at 7:15 PM.

3. Approval of minutes: April 12 Meeting and Executive Session, April 20 Informational Meeting

Mrs. O'Connors moved and Mrs. Fountain seconded that the minutes of the April 12, 2005 executive session and regular meeting and the April 20, 2005 informational meeting be accepted as presented and that the revisions made to the executive session minutes of March 23, 2005 be presented for review. So voted, 7-0

4. Chairman's Report

Mr. Laramie reminded all sub-committee chairs that they need to notify him and Mrs. Pierce of meeting times and locations. Mrs. Pierce will put the meetings on the website which will allow all parties including Aharonian and Associates to be better able to plan to attend meetings due to the advanced notice.

Mr. Laramie informed the committee that they have been undertaking the due diligence in the necessary land investigations. The wetlands delineations are on the property they just need to be included in the survey, the property survey is almost complete and the topography is done but just needs to be included in the overall plan. Other due diligence items which need to be done are the soil evaluation for septic, the title search, and the determination of the availability of water for the well. Mr. Laramie reported that the committee expects to complete all of the due diligence by the end of May.

Mrs. I. Lorraine O'Connors moved and Mr. Chretien seconded that an RFP be developed for well drilling on the proposed middle school site in order to determine the availability of drinking water. So voted, 8-0.

Mrs. I. Lorraine O'Connors moved and Mr. Chretien seconded to proceed with obtaining bids for getting a title search on the property. So voted, 8-0.

Mr. Laramie also reported that we have not signed a contract yet with our consultants but that is being worked on.

5. Sub-Committee Reports

A. A& E

Mr. Laramie informed the committee that the A&E sub-committee has been working on developing an RFP for construction management services. This will be discussed in more detail under 'new business'.

B. A/PEH & Rec

Mr. Jacques reported that the committee made its presentation to the school committee for the EdSpec. As part of the EdSpec, the suggestion was to build a field house as the main component of the new high school A/PEH & Rec. Members of the committee have been visiting different schools to gather information about their field houses.

C. EdSpec

Mrs. Anne Ejnes reported that they are currently working on the high school EdSpec which will be less detailed than the middle school EdSpec. The EdSpec will focus on the vision, program and functionality of ideas. Mrs. Ejnes provided information regarding the focus of upcoming meetings as posted on the website. Mrs. Ejnes reported that the high school EdSpec is expected to be complete for the June 8th deadline.

D. Energy

Mr. Frank Flynn reported that the committee is currently gathering information on what different companies have to offer in terms of energy cost savings. The committee has had two meetings at which presentations were given by two energy service companies

Mr. Flynn reported that the committee is continuing to look into using a biomass heating system. The committee will be setting up a meeting with the BioMass Engery Resource Center in Vermont where several schools are currently using a biomass system.

Mr. Ross McCurdy reported that based on educational opportunity and lower operating costs the biomass and wind turbine programs are the best options. These programs could save approx \$36k year and there should also be grant funding available. The committee hopes to make a recommendation on the type of heating system by the end of May.

E. Finance

Mr. Steve Winsor reported that he has been working on getting the bond anticipation notes which would give some working capital to buy the land and get started on the project.

F. Resources

Mr. Howard Rosenberg reported that the committee has been working on the elevator pitch event which will be discussed further under 'new business'.

G. Site

Mr. Ducharme reported that a meeting between DEM and the site crew would be held this week regarding the new middle school.

H. Technology

Mr. Chretien reported that the primary focus of the committee has been to finish a current version of the district technology plan. Once that is complete the committee will go forward and discuss how technology should be implemented in the schools. The district technology plan is expected to be finished by the end of the month.

6. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

9. New Business

A. Elevator Pitch Contest

Mr. Rosenberg informed the committee that the elevator pitch event is designed to get the community involved in the project and get ideas on what can be done. Currently there are 25 ideas which will be presented, but the hope is to have 30-40 ideas. Each presenter will be given two minutes to explain how their idea will improve the physical aspect or resources of the schools. Mr. Rosenberg identified several of the known pitches and their presenters, the invitees and informed the committee that four judges have been confirmed but more judges are needed.

B. RFP for Construction Management Services

Mr. Abt presented the committee members with a first draft of an RFP for Construction Management Services. The committee has been tasked to review the document and take action on it at the June meeting.

C. Middle School EdSPEC review

Mrs. Ejnes informed the committee that the EdSpec committee had a joint meeting with the A&E sub-committee and the architects to discuss the plan. Areas which need more work were identified with the focus first being on big spaces such as the cafeteria/auditorium. As soon as decisions are made Aharonian will be able to provide cost estimates with visuals.

D. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Building Committee will be Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at 7:00PM in the Ponaganset High School Auditorium.

10. Adjournment

Mrs. O'Connors moved and Mr. Ducharme seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 PM. So voted, 8-0.

Prepared by: Kecia Pierce, Building Committee Clerk

Approved by: Foster Gloucester Building Committee, June 15, 2005