

LITTLE COMPTON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Minutes

Workshop, August 3, 2010 – 7:00 pm

Little Compton Community Center

Members in Attendance: Tom Alder, Micah Shapiro, Don Gomez, Margaret Manning, Lynn Brousseau-Lebreux, Beryl Borden, BG Shanklin, Superintendent Kathryn Crowley, John Osborne, Mark Rapp, Dorie Freeman

Members Absent: Mike Steers, Tom Arkins, Jacob Talbot, Ben Gauthier, Dave MacGregor, Bob Mushen, Principal Jim Gibney,

The Architectural firm of Durkee Brown Viveiros Werenfels was in attendance, represented by Doug Brown, and Ashley Prester.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Alder at 7:10 pm.

The meeting was a public input session. The three schemes that had been presented to the Building Committee on July 28th were now being presented to members of the community in attendance. The following notes were compiled by Ashley Prester of DBVW. They are as follows:

- **The Village Improvement Society is concerned about any impact of their septic system and well. Surveyor should locate those items, including any required set backs.**
- **It seemed the community preferred the dispersed parking arrangements of schemes 1-3 rather than scheme 4.**
- **There is still some misunderstanding with the community regarding the courtyard use and purpose.**
- **Some members of the community (same as before) still want answers regarding the caveats in the demographics report regarding affordable housing and rail service to Fall River.**
- **Few people seemed to care that the Hearse Building was being moved or demolished. Dorie commented that the town garage is very loud during school hours with trucks backing up, loading, etc.**
- **It was suggested by BG that we consider parent drop off within the parking area.**
- **BG explained that zoning requires 130 parking spaces. We're designing for 60.**
- **The one-way study done in 2004 was never taken to the state. The original generating cause for the study was a request for a crosswalk at the intersection. This brought ADA access questions to the forefront, esp. with the curbs and sidewalks. The townspeople at the time were not in favor of the one-way traffic. One interesting note is that on Sundays, the roads operate as one-way. No signage exists so I guess it's local knowledge only?**
- **There was opposition to taking the buses all the way through**

the site. A suggestion was made to have the bus drop off be a full 180 degree loop and exit where they come in.

- The teachers pointed out that if they had to park too far away from the school, they'd be inclined to parking in the transient parking to drop off their stuff, then go park their car.**

- It was explained that the current set up of middle school and elementary school drop offs at different areas of the site needs to be discussed with the school administration.**

- The Village Improvement Society was concerned that should the fields come under the care and custody of the school, the use of those fields by the public would be limited since it'd be funneled through the school. This apparently happened/is happening with the gymnasium.**

- Many townspeople were concerned that our proposals would recommend losing the adult portion of the baseball field.**

- Apparently, there is a motion in the planning board and town council to turn a piece of conservation land on Brownell (St, Ave?) into a town recreation area, including ball fields. If this happens and we get the town to provide an adult-sized field there, then our site issues become easier.**

- Seeing the Trailhead on all future site plans would be beneficial for the public to see.**

On a motion made by Tom Alder, and seconded by Mark Rapp, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:45