

## **MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2014 SBAC II MEETING**

### **Attendees:**

**SBAC Members** - Becky McFall, Doug Adams, Buck Creel, Steven P. Perlmutter, Gary Taylor, Tim Christenfeld, Owen Beenhouwer and Peter Sugar  
(Absent - Hathaway Russell, Ken Basset, Vin Cannistraro, Maggy Pietropaolo)  
Dore & Whittier Architects - Don Walter, Jon Richardson, Jason Boone

The meeting was called to order by Becky McFall at 7:03 p.m.

### **The Schedule for the D&W Work.**

There was a lengthy discussion about the revised schedule disseminated by D&W at the meeting, a copy of which is annexed hereto. The revised schedule covers five separate tasks, meetings with the Superintendent and the school principals to review the educational needs and priorities of any school building project, multiple meetings with the public to solicit its ideas about any school building project and to keep it abreast of the work of D&W and SBAC II and multiple meetings with members of relevant town boards and committees in order to solicit their concerns and ideas about any school building project. Representatives from the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, the Conservation Commission, the Capital Planning Committee, the Finance Committee, the Historic District Commission, the Planning Board and the Recreation Committee will be invited to these meetings with D&W.

Some changes in the revised schedule were agreed upon and the purpose of some of the meetings was further clarified in some respects.

It is anticipated that some component cost estimates will be ready by the Week 6 public meeting. It is anticipated that some a range of preliminary concept options, without costs estimates, will be ready by the Week 10 public meeting. It was agreed that a Week 8 meeting with the relevant town boards and committees will be added to the schedule in order to provide an update on what D&W is doing and thinking before the Week 10 public meeting. It was agreed that another meeting with the relevant town boards and committees will be added to the schedule during Week 13 in order to prepare for the State of the Town meeting scheduled November 15, 2014. At the time of the Week 13 meeting, the cost estimates will not yet be fully developed but that the D&W options based on the input it has received from the public will be fully developed.

The November 5, 2014 meeting with SBAC will be moved to November 4. A new meeting between D&W and SBAC will take place on November 12 in advance of the 11/15/14 State of the Town meeting. At the State of the Town meeting on November 15, 2014, D&W will present the options developed to date based on the feedback from the public and solicit additional thoughts and feedback from the community. The Week 17 meeting with the public will focus on receiving additional community feedback on the then current state of the options. Tasks 4.1 and 4.2 on the attached revised schedule will occur after the meeting with the public during Week 17, and not during Week 16. After receiving public input throughout the process, SBAC II will begin its evaluation process of the options still under consideration after the feedback received from the public throughout the process. It is anticipated that D&W's final report will issue during Week 23, sometime between January 11 and January 17, 2015, after a further meeting with the public and the review of comments received from the public on D&W's draft final report.

### **The Component Cost Estimates**

D&W discussed its plan to initially only do cost estimates for all the facility needs at the school. This will be limited to what in the current building needs to be repaired. This particular effort will not address what is needed to be done to the building to improve education. D&W will address that separately. With regard to the needs of the facility, D&W does not seek to redo the reports previously done on this topic but it needs to do an independent analysis. The issue of whether the needs of the facility will be so great and expensive that their cost will make it unlikely that there will be money made available by the town for the educational improvements necessary to

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provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century education came up again, as it did at the previous meeting. SBAC II is going to have to address how a visionary and pragmatic plan can accommodate a reasonable measure of both.

D&W informed SBAC II that it may be instructive for the public if it develops cost estimates based on such options as: just what is needed to repair the current facilities with no educational improvements, the cost of building an entire new school and several options in between which include both facility and educational improvements. The new school option was suggested by D&W not because it proposes to build a new school but rather to give the community a point of comparison on the costs issue. It was recognized at the meeting that it will not be useful for the town if it is presented with too many options. D&W was also informed that the options should have some continuity with the L-Shaped school endorsed by SBAC I because that is the concept that was last before the community and it was a concept the town appeared to be comfortable with.

D&W informed SBAC II that it can set some priorities on the facility-only needs based on a number of factors like health and safety, code compliance, energy efficiency, etc...

#### **The Minutes of the August 13, 2014 Meeting.**

It was agreed that consideration of these minutes will be put off until the meeting on August 26, 2014.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

Peter Sugar moved at 9:02 p.m that the meeting be adjourned. Tim Christenfeld seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Steven P. Perlmutter.

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