

# East Bridgewater High School Building Committee



## Meeting No. 4

Date & Time: 7:00 pm Monday 20 September 2010

Location: EBHS Library

### Attended (✓) Name, Affiliation

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#### East Bridgewater High School Building Committee

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| ✓ David Floeck, Co-Chair | ✓ Cheryl Pooler         |
| ✓ Ryon Pratt, Co-Chair   | ✓ Domenic DeAngelo      |
| ✓ Martin Crowley         | ✓ Peter Spagone         |
| ✓ Elizabeth Hayes        | ✓ Susan T. Cote         |
| ✓ Thomas Hamilton        | ✓ Patricia Coppola-Lugo |
| ✓ George McCabe          | ✓ Paul Viera            |
| ✓ Theresa McNulty        | George Samia            |
| ✓ John Haines            |                         |

#### *RFWalsh Collaborative Partners:*

- Joe Naughton
- ✓ Paul Kalous
- ✓ Allyson Toner

#### **Ai3:**

- ✓ Scott Dunlap
- ✓ Jim Jordan

#### **PARE Corporation:**

- ✓ Andrew Chagnon
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The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss site location and development and then make a final decision on a site.

1. Meeting called to order by Co-Chairman Ryon Pratt at 7:05PM
2. Meeting minutes from 9/8 and 9/13 were passed over without action and will be voted on at the next meeting on 9/27/2010.
3. Paul Kalous reported that the webpage is in progress. East Bridgewater resident Steve Culp was chosen as the web designer. The domain name for the webpage is NewEBSchool.org and it will be ready for September 30<sup>th</sup>. The total cost is a discounted rate of \$600 with no charge for updating as a donated service from Culp Design. Ryon Pratt indicated that the Committee is still waiting on a list of FAQ's and answers from Committee members that will be added to the site.
4. Susan Cote talked about the educational sub-committee meeting where Ai3 presented the new school design. She indicated that the presentation went very well and all members are very excited about the new school.
5. Paul Kalous distributed two documents compiled by R F Walsh collaborative partners. The documents included a site comparison with information that was compiled from the design team, and a list of questions with corresponding answers that will be used as a running list for questions that will be posted on the webpage.
6. Ryon Pratt opened the discussion up for members to talk about the site selection.

7. Cheryl Pooler indicated that research has proved that the Leland Farm site does not look like the desired location for the new school. She was concerned that not all questions were answered.
8. John Haines asked if we were going to do a full schematic design for both locations and how much that would cost if the town decided to do so. Scott Dunlap explained that this would cost the town anywhere from \$7-\$800,000.
9. Theresa McNulty indicated costs related to Leland are at least double of costs related to the existing site and taxpayers will not be in favor of this.
10. Cheryl Pooler indicated that the only electrical source on the Leland site is from the soccer shed and utilities would need to be brought in to support the new school.
11. Peter Spagone indicated that although Leland would be a beautiful campus, there are too many unknown factors associated and they really need to consider the costs to the taxpayer. The existing high school site would have substantial savings.
12. David Floeck indicated that even if the cost of both sites were the same, the benefits of the existing site outweighs the benefits of the Leland Farm site. Being right in the center of town there are emergency services within radius to the site, ¼ of the schools are within the same range, the water and septic issues are able to be addressed within one project, the traffic issue is address within the same project, and there are already ample access routes to the site. Belmont Street only allows one in and one out to the Leland Farm site which will cause heavy traffic and allow no space for emergency exit.
13. Cheryl Pooler indicated that Leland Farm would not be reimbursed adding needless costs.
14. Paul Vieira indicated the existing site gives the new building the opportunity to have everything on campus and Leland doesn't have that same sense of community.
15. David Floeck indicated because of Leland's residential location, parking will always be an issue.
16. Susan Cote noted that her major concern with the existing site was safety with the building being under construction right next to the school in use but those concerns were addressed at the site selection presentation and she feels satisfied with the answer.
17. George McCabe addressed other benefits of the existing site. It allows the septic issue to be taken care of not only for the high school but also for the community buildings surrounding the site. The only negative issue with the existing site is the athletic fields during the construction but if the Leland site is chosen we are creating more town problems rather than solving them.
18. Martin Crowley explained the existing site as revitalizing the whole center of town. He indicated that this is the towns chance to solve many of the problems they are having and they can do this with one big project if the existing site is chosen.
19. Beth Hayes mentioned that the building committee promised the town they would look thoroughly into each option and decide which is better for the town and now it is clear they have come up with the answer.
20. Ryan Pratt summarized the benefits of the existing site and opened the discussion to the community. Julianne Joubert (resident and taxpayer of East Bridgewater) thanked the building committee for doing such a great job and all public attendees agreed. No public or building committee members spoke in favor of the Leland Farm site.
21. The building committee voted for the existing high school site to be selected as the new school building site.

- a. Motion – George McCabe
  - b. Second – Peter Spagone
  - c. Vote – Unanimous
22. The building committee voted to propose a letter to the school committee recommending the existing high school site for the new school.
    - a. Motion – Peter Spagone
    - b. Second – Theresa McNulty
    - c. Vote – Unanimous
  23. Paul Kalous indicated the next milestone of the project to take place is the approval of the program. The first program will need to be completed by the end of the month. The building committee decided they would have a decision by the next meeting. Paul also indicated the milestone following the program approval will be the Schematic Design submittal in November and this program is the first step to that submittal.
  24. Ryan Pratt asked for reports from the Project Working Groups. There were none at this time.
  25. Local government/Compliance/Coordination is being taken care of by Theresa McNulty.
  26. Cheryl Pooler indicated that finance needs more information before bringing numbers to the community. With the site being selected they will be able to determine numbers.
  27. Martin Crowley indicated that Natick's contractor bid came in 11M under the MSBA's 71M. Ryan Pratt indicated that the bad economy has resulted in lower costs and that could be an advantage of building the new school at this time, and that advantage may not be available in the future.
  28. George McCabe asked if the current talk about sales tax cuts will affect the money the town would be given by the MSBA. David Floeck indicated that the MSBA already told East Bridgewater that they have the money now and the sales tax cut should not affect that. He also mentioned this is another reason why the town should follow through with this project now because the money is there and it may not be if we wait to build the new school.
  29. Ryan Pratt suggested the building committee start looking into dates for community focus events. John Haines mentioned it would be a good idea to have the dates identified by next week we can tell the town at the public event on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
  30. Ryan Pratt suggested to John Haines that we put out a suggestion box at the event on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
  31. Susan Cote indicated that the Educational community has done a great job collecting info and looking at educational needs in order to efficiently use space without having too much or too little.
  32. Ryan Pratt indicated that the web page is currently in progress and that the monthly newsletter updates on the town webpage will continue but the link to the new school webpage will be in addition to that.
  33. Susan Cote is concerned that the 950 projected enrollment amount is too little and that it may increase with the new school.
  34. Ryan Pratt stated that the next meeting will be on Monday September 27, 2010 where we will act on the educational program for submittal to the MSBA before the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.
  35. Two youth residents that live in close proximity to the Leland Farm site expressed their concerns with the new school being built at Leland Farm. They were concerned about the animals and crops that currently reside on

36. Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM

**Future Meetings:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
20 Sept 10	7:00 pm	EBHSBC	EBHS Library
23 Sept 10	7:30 pm	EBSC	HS Library
27 Sept 10	7:00 pm	EBHSBC	HS Library
30 Sept 10	7:00 pm	ABC	Commercial Club

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