


LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (LMS-SBC)				MEETING MINUTES	
GoToMeeting (online access only) due to COVID-19		APPROVED 07/23/20			
July 9, 2020					
6:00 PM					
ATTENDEES/ DISTRIBUTION:					
NAME	ASSOC.	PRESENT	NAME	ASSOC.	PRESENT
Mark Armington	LMS-SBC	Y	Cady Maynard	LMS-SBC	---
Jeff Berthiaume	LMS-SBC	Y	Brian Cooper	LMS-SBC	----
Tina Boss	LMS-SBC	---	Beth Johnson	LMS Asst. Principal	---
Harry Brooks	LMS-SBC, Chair	Y	Diana Provencher	Select Board, Chair	---
Chris Clark	LMS-SBC	Y	Eileen Boisvert	Community	---
Chris Fontaine	LMS-SBC	Y	Tim Hickey	Community	Y
David Genereux	LMS-SBC	Y			
Tom Lauder	LMS-SBC	---	Tom Murphy	NV5	Y
Kristina Looney	LMS-SBC	Y	Melissa Gagnon	NV5	Y
Paul McCarthy	LMS-SBC	Y			
Dennis McGrail	LMS-SBC	Y	Regan Shields Ives	Finegold Alexander	---
Jim Reinke	LMS-SBC	Y	Christopher Lane	Finegold Alexander	---
Marilyn Tencza	LMS-SBC	Y	Beth Percy	Finegold Alexander	----

1. Call to Order

Mr. Brooks called the SBC meeting to order at 6:02PM. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a project status update to the SBC.

Monthly approvals will be included on the agenda for the next SBC meeting.

2. Town Meeting Location and Logistics

David Genereux provided an update with regard to location selection for the Town Meeting on September 26. A large space for a gathering is needed where social distancing can be accommodated. The DCU center as well as the football fields at Leicester High School and Becker College were considered. The DCU center may be problematic whereas it is not in Town. With regard to the football fields, there will be challenging logistics around weather, insects, sound systems, power, etc.

The front portion of the old Millbrook Distributor's Building at 88 Huntoon Memorial Highway is currently being considered. Advantages of this space are: 800+ participants can be accommodated, the space is not weather dependent and power is available. The following will need to be addressed: Chairs, tables, sound systems, hot spots, etc. The intent is to be able to host a meeting that allows as many Town residents as possible to safely come together in one space. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, at 10:00AM.

The number of required HCP spaces will need to be considered and accommodated. Mr. Reinke offered to assist with those logistics. Traffic cones and assistance from the Leicester Police Department will be helpful to direct traffic and parking. Portable toilets will be available. Given the meeting is during the daytime, emergency lighting should not be an issue although the Public Safety Department will be consulted. Superintendent Tenzca will talk with the Principal and Assistant principal at the High School about student community service opportunities.

With regard to funding, Town Meeting is the Town's responsibility, as a government entity. The Leicester School Building Project vote is one of the most important decisions the Town of Leicester has needed to make in recent years. The Town is evaluating the equipment cost, which is currently estimated at \$14K, although there is confidence that costs will decrease pending a follow up conversation and another walk through with the owner of the distribution center. Also, there may be opportunities for donations of equipment and/or services.

An SBC member noted the importance during any campaign to assess the climate to determine progress and the direction the project is going. Although there is a portion of the population that does not support the project, there is more support than opposition.

The SBC has done its due diligence and come up with the best possible solution for the long term.

The tax impact will go into effect in three or four years after the vote. It is important for this timing to be documented in the tri-fold project mailer being prepared. The difference between a 20-year and 30-year loan would save approximately \$100/year on the average tax bill. Also, a 30-year loan would yield an increased percentage rate, being beyond the normal debt level.

3. Upcoming Meetings

- 08/05/20 – 6:30PM - Community Meeting (online)
- 09/16/20 – 6:30PM - Community Meeting (online)
- 09/26/20 – 10:00AM - Town Meeting (location to be finalized)

8. Other Business

NV5 noted that the MSBA is typically very strict about districts not making significant changes to the project program and design following the Board vote.

The BETA Group recently submitted a letter, dated 7/06/20, with regard to peer review of civil and storm water related SD design elements. Whereas the letter was emailed to the SBC earlier today, there will be opportunity for discussion at the next SBC meeting. The SBC requested JNEI to be part of the discussion.

Going forward, Brian Cooper shall be included in SBC email distributions.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Kristina Looney moved, seconded by Paul McCarthy, to recommend the meeting be adjourned at 6:55PM.

VOTE: The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by: Melissa Gagnon, NV5 [end of 07/09/20 Meeting Minutes]