

**Town of Stonington
K-12 Building Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2015
7:00 pm
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Members Present: Rob Marseglia, Chairman, Julie Holland, Secretary, Bill Sternberg, Deborah Downie, George Crouse, Kathy Sanford, Rob Sundman and Mike Fauerbach

Absent: June Strunk

Recording Secretary: Sandy Tissiere

Guests and Citizens: D. Paul Moore, DRA, Greg Kelth-MMS Principal, Tim Smith-PMS Principal, Rob Simmons, Paul Sartor, SHS Students-Citizens in Action, and interested citizens

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marseglia called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

2. Approval of outstanding minutes

The following motion was made by Julie Holland and seconded by Bill Sternberg:

Motion: To approve the minutes of December 1 and December 16, 2014.

December 1, 2014

All: Aye

December 16, 2014

Rob Marseglia: Aye

Julie Holland: Aye

Deborah Downie: Aye

Bill Sternberg: Aye

Rob Sundman: Aye

Kathy Sanford: Aye

Mike Fauerbach: Aye

Abstention: George Crouse

3. DRA Architect Report

Mr. Paul Moore represented DRA. The first item of discussion was the Community Workshop date will be held on January 27, 2014 at 7:00pm at Pawcatuck Middle School. Mr. Moore presented a PowerPoint presentation for the modernization project containing the five options with associated costs. Options A-E were presented and the group had an in-depth discussion exploring all options. Reimbursable amounts by the State were discussed, how these amounts were based, and how costs for the project were derived from this information. The committee suggested that the enrollment projections be revisited. Currently, the data shows enrollment in the next four years declining. However, with area businesses expecting growth and housing being built to accommodate more families, the enrollment projections may need to be recalculated. DRA will meet with Superintendent Riley to discuss this item further.

4. Discussion of SHS property for the middle school option

A sub-committee met on Saturday, January 10, to walk the land behind Stonington High School. The conclusion was the site could accommodate a large building including adequate parking and two all-purpose fields. One concern is the close proximity of the railroad tracks.

- a. **Secondary Access:** Spellman Drive ends in a cul-de-sac where land turns northeast back to the property. It would be feasible for a road across there for secondary access with approval from the owner of the property.
- b. **Spellman Drive Improvements:** The width of Spellman Drive would need to be increased.

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- c. Expansion of Route 1/Spellman Drive intersection: A study would need to be done by a hired engineering firm in partnership with Connecticut Department of Transportation to evaluate expansion of Route 1/Spellman Drive to include turn lanes.

5. Community Meeting (1/27/15) Preparations

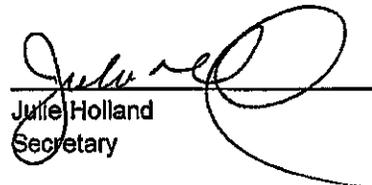
At the Tuesday, January 20, committee meeting, the committee will finalize plans for the January 27 Community Forum.

6. Adjourn

The following motion was made by Bill Sternberg and seconded by Rob Sundman:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm

All: Aye


Julie Holland
Secretary