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**Draft Minutes**

**WBSS Advisory Committee**

**Monday, 19 October 2015 at 6:45**

**West Broad St. School, Rm 3**

Present: Mr. Sartor, Ms. Gillece, Mr. Burns, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Oliverio, Mr. Matthews, Ms. Morrison, Mr. Spellman, Mr. Bolduc

Absent: Mr. Sternberg, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Todisco

-6:15 pm: Tour of WBSS conducted by Bill King

-Call to order by Chair Mr. Sartor at 6:45 pm.

-WBSS Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to the Stonington Board of Selectman on what to do with the West Broad St. School after 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades are moved to the renovated West Vine Street School.

-It is estimated that WBSS will be empty within 4 years.

-Keith Brynes, Town Planner, explained land use/zoning regs that apply to WBSS property. Some points:

The building is zoned RH-10. 10,000 sq foot lot. The school has 36,000 sq. ft. The school could be developed into 40 residential units.

Building could be mix town and residential use

Building cannot be a commercial unless non-profit. No additional parking requirements are required.

-Stonington Building Committee currently has no specific plans for locating the Stonington School Administration.

Need to know how much space the school administration needs.

-Ms. Cullen volunteered to head a subcommittee to research what State/Federal Grants could be available to the town to be used in possible WBSS improvements.

-Overall, the options the WBSS Advisory Committee would explore are:

1. Use by the town for:

a. School Administration and other town departments use

b. Determine value for private acquisition

c. Use by other community organizations

- Ms. Gillece volunteered to research potential needs/uses of by organizations other than by Town Departments.

- Mr. Matthews will research the value of the school for private acquisition

- Mr. Spellman will elicit responses from other town departments on possible uses of WBSS

- Ms. Morrison, with Mr. Oliverio, is heading the subcommittee coordinating the structural/mechanical assessment of WBSS. They will start development of an RFQ so the cmte will be ready to move forward asap upon approval of the study funding from the Town.

\*Motion by Alisa Morrison to request funding from the Brd of Selectmen up to \$30,000 for an RFQ to conduct a structural/mechanical assessment of WBSS. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hamilton, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Spellman is to bring this request to the Brd of Selectmen.

\*Motion to table the approval of 29 September meeting minutes until next meeting. Motion made by Ms. Gillece, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hamilton, motion carried unanimously.

-Next meeting, Monday, Nov 16, 2015, 7pm at Police Station Community Room.

-Regular Meeting Schedule: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7pm, Police Station Community Room.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm**