

School Committee Meeting-via Zoom  
December 10, 2020  
Minutes

**Present:** Jaci Barton, Tom Hoppenstead, Ron Mycock, DJ MacKinnon, Jim Danhauser,  
Adam Zais, Frances Parks

**Appoint Committee Chairperson:**

Adam Zais nominated Tom Hoppenstead, Ron Mycock nominated Frances Parks. Mr. Hoppenstead declined nomination. Mr. Zais then nominated Jim Danhauser. Both Ms. Parks and Mr. Danhauser seconded, nominations closed and went to vote-suggestion was made to have co-chairs, was agreed. Mr. Hoppenstead made a motion to have co-chairs share responsibility, second, all in favor and agreed upon by roll call.

**Appoint Clerk:**

Mr. Zais volunteered.

**School Building Disposition:** David Anthony gave an update on status of the school including school security monitoring, Cape Cod Cooperative short term use status, DPW Capital trust plan, and considerations with Cotuit Fire District. Mr. Zais asked about the urgency with timing. Mr. Anthony replied if the goal of the committee is to retain the building, he suggests paying attention to the DPW plans and to not wait too long if want the building. Jaci asked if the building in Cotuit and the one in Marstons Mills could be taken together or separate. Mr. Anthony answered Marstons Mills is #61 on the list, Cotuit #66 and is being considered separate individual projects. Jaci also asked that if Cotuit is interested in acquiring the building if this affects CIP decision to fund. Mr. Anthony replied the staff has been directed to put the CIP's thru the evaluation process and feels have met that obligation but said a lot can happen in the next 90 days as far as priorities. Other questions asked about CIP, if there are any restrictions of school from state (none that he is aware of), donation restrictions-which Mr. Anthony feels requires more of a technical review and title work. Discussion continued about District acquiring building only or land. Ms. Parks clarified the District is looking at the building as Barnstable will keep the fields. Mr. Anthony stated that the Town of Barnstable will need to hear how serious the Cotuit Fire District really is even if present them with a letter of interest. Ms. Parks requested a cost of the heat and electricity plus the legal cost and insurance cost. Mr. Anthony replied heat and electric was about \$40,000 a year for all the square feet while the school was there, but other heating options are available and were discussed. Chief Paul Rhude asked for a copy of the last assessment will provide Mr. Anthony a thumb drive for a copy as file is too large to email.

Ms. Parks discussed previous meeting with Civic Association and the need to look at suggestions for uses

Mr. Danhauser mentioned narrowing down the focus for use of building, plus the cost scenario for getting expert help with environmental exposures and studies before presenting at a special district meeting.

Mr. Mycock inquired if most of the committee feel this is a property the District would like to have-everyone agreed yes. Discussion continued and everyone agreed to get as much info about the property before presenting to the villagers along with the long term needs of the district.

Chief Rhude mentioned knowing an architect he could speak to about the building, plus maybe the septic that is on the property.

Ms. Parks asked about the regulations for the water treatment plants. Mr. Hoppensteadt replied they had recommendations from consultants that the district start considering a budget to build one now but does not see a need at this point. However, if levels elevate will need to build a treatment plant.

Chief Rhude will set up a cloud site to include newest town assessment, fire department draft needs analysis, if the water department has long term plans and the last drawing for the Prudential Committee offices and storage space for district needs.

Mr. Zais summed up the meeting as need an action plan, plan village engagement, and to signal someone in Barnstable the district's intentions relatively quickly.

Chief Rhude is going to give a tour of the school to any interested committee members that are interested.

Mr. Zais asked if co-chairs could draft a letter regarding committee support and let the town know about the School Committee.

District committees will put on agenda's to state or restate intentions of property

Mr. MacKinnon discussed managing wastewater on property and the cost.

Motion to adjourn, moved, second-next meeting scheduled for January 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Jaci requested a committee roster, Mr. Zais will put one together.