

Barrington School Building Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023 4:00 pm

Barrington Middle School PD Room

Present were Mr. Glum, Ms. Crean, Mr. Messore, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Peck, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Marchetti, Mr. McCrann, Mr. Sangiuliano, Mr. Valentine, and Mr. Guthlein

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm / Mr. Peck

Discussion of Future Meeting Schedule

What is the best time and day for this meeting .. as well as how often should they meet? ..

Decision was made to go to a Once a month format, outside business hours making it possible for members of the public to participate. Meetings have been set to the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Looking to make meetings convenient for all to attend and Maximize productivity ..

Discussion of OPM Responses and Hiring Process

Received 5 Bids

- Downes Construction
- Left Field
- Prime Consulting
- Colliers
- Hill International

Looking to hire a Owner Project Manager the candidate should have a high level of familiarity with the construction application process, Strong Project Management skills & Expertise in Construction Services .. Will need to work well with the School Committee and Administration as well as the Building Committee. It is important to hire the OPM sooner rather than later .. so they will be included in all informational meetings .. It would be a good idea to interview each of the candidates in "real time" when interviewing with the School Committee .. the building committee to develop some specific interview questions .. Any and all feedback will be reviewed and discussed as a group after the interviews .. Looking to hire the OPM by April 06th.

Discussion of Total Maximum Total Project Cost

Still trying to get our arms around it .. there is an interim step prior to the stage I / stage II submission where we need to coordinate in some fashion with the general assembly about the scale of the financial terms of the whole project .. This discussion needs to happen in the May timeframe. The Building committee will be collaborating with the Town Solicitor to really understand and pull people together to get a defined schedule. May is a key date that can not be missed ..

Other feedback

- We need to try to be as realistic as possible with the whole project's maximum cost and its ability to dial it back a bit, as we can not increase but we can reduce it ..
Stage I / Interviews .. Discovery .. Identify Opportunities bringing the product out .. Community based growth and coming up with a model that is best for the community. Outlining the compressed timeline .. There are 21 other communities that have applied for stage II by default .. Stage II / It is recommended that we lock down the money first to understand how it will affect the town financially .. then run that through the process to get that approved and be clear with the language for all that needs to see the numbers how much reimbursement .. taxpayers money .. This is all ground work that will accelerate the process.

Discussion of Bond Referendum / General Assembly Timeline:

The building committee will collaborate with both the school committee and the Town Council to come up with a manageable number with 15 - 20% built in that would allow some flexibility .. Looking to submit the number by September so it can get approved and on the ballot to be voted on by the town in November.

Stage II will require a lot of community engagement and feedback around the decided amount..

What / Why / How, No formal vote however will be the sole discussion of the school committee that the Town council will sign off on .. The sign off will determine a credit limit in the Spring that will allow the Building Committee to move forward with planning in the Fall.

Discussion of School Building Committee Volunteer Application:

The committee will be putting together an application soliciting volunteer members . .The idea is to supplement the committee with more community members vs swapping or moving people .. Looking for volunteer members from the community with Construction .. Engineering .. Art tech background to supplement what the committee already has .. in addition to general community members to become engaged .. Community members will have a separate and distinct engagement process .. they will better balance the voting membership whereas the majority of voting members will be from the Barrington public.

Discussion of Public Engagement / Communication Strategy:

Kate Benoit - Communication Director

Currently working on a social media plan to get the community involved and share updates with them ...

Having information posted throughout the community, not just digital but physically is going to be a big part of the communication plan .. Getting the public's interest and sharing with them why it is so important that they should be involved in the whole process of this project .. Email / Contact information will need to be for both parents of students as well as the community ..

Public Comment

- Thomas Brueckner - 4 Ellis Street

Last time we will meet @ 4 O'clock

3rd Tuesday of the month 6-8 pm information April 18th, Notice will be posted to the Building Committee page in addition to Kate who will get meeting information out to the public .. Meeting times and dates will be updated and reposted for all meetings going forward.

- No Online public comment requests

Mr. Peck asked for a motion to adjourn at 5:05; motion was made by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Guthlein , and approved unanimously.