

Mt. Abraham Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2014, 4:00 PM  
Central Office Conference Room, 72 Munsill Avenue, Bristol

Committee Members Attending: Shawna Sherwin, Troy Paradee, Alden Harwood, Louis DuPont, Mark Bouvier, Kathleen Clark, Matt Tatro, Reg Wedge, Mt. Abe Principal Gaynell Lyman, Superintendent David Adams.

Others Attending: Lee Dore, Rani Philip, Ted Hirdler, Jeff Carlson, (Engelberth Construction) Joanna Etko (NEAT TV), Erin Jackman

1. S. Sherwin called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.
2. Review of Cost Estimates- Engelberth presented. Project is estimated to last 3 years. Gym will be used as swing space until completion. Two modular classrooms would remain through project for space. Conceptual Schedule presented. Preconstruction estimated at 211 days; construction estimated at 748; 138 days Middle School Gym and Support Space; 65 days Classrooms and Entrance; 65 days Middle School Arts and Science; 58 days Push Areas 1C-1H. Project would last around 3 years. Estimate of \$25,657,201 included escalation of 5%, Design/Est Contingency of 15%, CM Construction Contingency of 5%, Liability Insurance of .65%, and Bond Payment. S. Sherwin asked about getting pool and plumbing enhanced. The estimate does not include redoing pool. S. Sherwin expressed community desire to keep pool. A. Harwood added that it was grouted this summer. L. Dore commented that liberties have been taken on timing and some costs. This is a starting point and goal is to take next step. This is a concept plan and much more work has to be done. Space plan and concept, cost, and functionality were the goals before going to Bond Vote. A. Harwood asked what would happen if the project was pushed into 2 years. The cost would decrease and finish in the summer of 2016. L. Dore went over Options Cost Summary with Construction Costs, Soft Costs, Sprinkler System, Phasing Allowance, and Haz Mat Allowance for 3 options. Option 3 would cost \$32.6 Million. D. Adams commented that the committee needed to review numbers and prepare to present to Mt. Abe Board. The information campaign would follow. CFO has been in touch with Bond Bank. Mt. Abe Board will have to look at impact on the 5-town area. The project will be presented as a "not to exceed" number to allow for adjustments. D. Adams stated that the need is significant to complete this project and costs will only go up in the future. S. Sherwin mentioned that the responsibility of the FAC is to report to the Board September 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Recommendation to Mt. Abraham School Board- S. Sherwin encouraged members of FAC to attend Mt. Abe Board meeting on Tuesday, 9/23/14. M. Tatro asked if other Bond timing would impact the votes. S. Sherwin commented that she felt moving forward was the goal. L. duPont asked if other districts have done anything like this. L. Dore mentioned Shelburne and Hyde Park. The schedule reflects a vote in November; having the fall and winter to do design work. M. Bouvier asked how to respond to Mt. Abe Board if they ask about Option 1 or 2. Option 1 and 2 did not include educational objectives and opinions of end users. They were mainly bringing building to code and doing some architectural finishes. S. Sherwin asked if Bond vote does not pass, is it necessary to go

with the “Do Nothing”. Several people responded that if nothing is done, the building is ok. However, money will have to be spent out of budget if repairs need to be done. Discussion took place about educating town about project. D. Adams commented that the emphasis should be about the project to recommend to Mt. Abe Board. S. Sherwin read the charge. Agenda for Tuesday’s Mt. Abe meeting is open to focus on the FAC work. Discussion took place about timing of Bond vote and educating the public. Research needs to be done around income sensitivity and other tax impacts. FAC was in agreement to bring project to Mt. Abe Board with a timetable for Bond. Committee member asked about State funds if they became available. There is currently no money. D. Adams went into detail if funds became available. D. Adams asked if it would be good to have a meeting Monday about timing of Bond vote. FAC needs to establish a need to go for special financing. S. Sherwin would like input on summary of work. **T. Paradee moved to recommend to the Board to ask voters to support a Bond Vote of 32.6 M based on the work of this committee and preceding committees; seconded by G. Lyman. Voted and approved unanimously.**

4. Weekly Building Tours- Friend’s Group is doing marketing to BES around Wednesdays. Video will be up ASAP.
5. VT AOE Application for Preliminary Approval 16 VSA 4001 (6)(B)(i)-
6. Other- Discussed representatives from New Haven and Lincoln. M. Tatro mentioned that from a faculty standpoint there has been a lot of time between meeting about Option 1 and now. There needs to be clarification around needs and opinions to get support. Staff should talk to administration to clear up questions. There is a plan for school visits for faculty to help with concerns/questions. There has to be strong teacher understanding and support. More discussion will happen later about specifics. L. Dore guaranteed that the end design will not look like the space planning diagram. Interaction with community, faculty, staff and students will impact design. A. Harwood added that the FAC is NOT the design committee.

Minutes submitted by  
Erin Jackman