

Public Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Town Hall / Selectman's chambers - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and the following members were present: Karen Pritchard, Chair; Richard Hebert, School Committee; Maryellen Gaziano, Library; Bill Limbacher, Planning; Kevin Kelly, Facilities; Ann Burbine, EDC, Al Bangert, Marla Minier, Library

- Establish minutes from last meeting:
- Changes to Committee members: Richard to withdraw
- RHebert noted that his date of school opening is 2017 not 2016
- Robin, Build comm and School committee have voted on new gates at High school as a co-location. On June – submitted to MSBA
- June 30 hoping for approval for Schematic design.

Nov MSBA vote scope and budget. Town meeting to vote after that. Public meeting wed 6/18 at Gates media center. Past meetings have gone well and been interactive.

- Has there been any discussionno no negative feedback toward the school. The school needs to be replaced. MSBA will cover ___ % of the new school.
Might go up to 300 \$sq foot.

- Their reimbursable amounts are according to their guidelines. Site costs only 8% reimburse. MSBA guidelines are very strict. What is next plan for marketing.....September will be a big push for information Link on the web site for the Gates school.

- Library was successful in there was negative feedback about the Public safety building being at Ellis.
- Are fields being part of the discussion? Yes

- Does it affect tennis- No or basketball or skate park.

AB- RWSullivan report is a good report to show for the problems.

- Facebook- needs to be upgraded.
- Put Gates info on town web site.

LIBRARY:

- OPM is Daedalus
- Different personnel from Daedalus
- Using a different design firm to get different ideas. Better costing.
- May need an extension from MLBC.
- Will be asking for an extension.
- Original agreement was breaking ground in Nov 2014. Would have been very difficult with existing firm.
- PBC meeting next week to discuss.
- OPM looking for alternative location during construction.
- Are extensions times sensitive.
- AB- People voting did into know the project included moving the library.
- Can we do a renovation, instead of the proposed renovation?
- Are we spending our money wisely? Can we earmark that money for other projects?
- DB- I'm sure all these concerns were addressed? It was 10 years in the making. Point was valid 10 years ago. Many hours were spent on the project.

Public Safety updates:

- Design is done.

- Wait and see where the other buildings end up.
- Design vetted out by departments and PBC.
- Building already value engineered.
- Ellis is the proposed site.
- Ellis site address the response time to areas needed.
- At least a two minute reduction in response time.
- Some road and traffic issues need to be addressed for that site.
- Public safety would be a septic system. Not on sewer which would save 2.5 million dollars.
- AGB- State Grant money being made available to use sustainable energy at public safety complexes.
- JD- Is there another committee looking at grant money available?
- KP- Schematic design done, next piece is to market it and get approval for from town for the Ellis site and project.
- AB- Start getting the word out.
- KP- walkthrough was alarming as to the conditions SPD work in.
- New chief working on what needs to be done if they stay in current building.

RWS SULLIVAN REPORT:

- Town had a study done to look at code issues and things which would need to be addressed if these buildings were to remain occupied.
- Karen and Doug looking at envelope issues.
- RWS report addresses in Massachusetts code issues.
- ADA title II is also missing from the report. And
- Current things not needed to be fixed under state reg but there is under title II
- AB- We want buildings up to code.
- Efforts we are doing should create a Title II transition plan.
- The technical violations were highlighted
- What are the scoped regulations?
- Need to have a plan. To address title II
- Senior Center was the 4th building and final thought is we would not plan on making improvements to that space.
- Need to take a look at the plan, make notes.
- Thought process should be re-using the existing space.....not re-purposing the existing spaces.
- Does the town have an estimator.....No?
- KP looking for help in estimating costs on RWS plan. JD- can ask Daedalus if they have any info.
- Take a look get back and from a small group to review.
- Do we have square footage?

6.) NEXT STEPS IN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN.

- Chiefs going to talk to different groups in the community.
- Doing a CATV presentation with links to you tube, emails etc.
- Ongoing series in the Mariner about what the deficiencies are with police and fire
- What is the timeline for the town vote.....All going at the same time (with the school)
- AB- only negative was from someone who did not have kids in the school.

- We need to use address the issue of Generational equality.
- Senior Center will be a town vote after the school and PS Vote.
- Senior s proposal needs to present differently. Can't compare with other towns (Duxbury) where there is a lot of extraneous sq footage.
- MM- Concerned about making Generational equality issue. Seniors concerns not being addressed.
- R- No master plan has ever been proposed at town meeting.
- Need to address the senior center issue while proposing school and pub safety plan.
- JC- needs to re-look at original plan of doing the entire plan at once?
- AB- Money spent years ago on central park, seniors are very angry. Things printed need to better presented.-
- AB- Plan needs to be laid out.
- Economic Group needs to give understanding of financial impact to the voters.
- KP- this groups is to help put together the plan. Intention for the beginning was that we could help package this, Impact on taxes, properties, fields etc.
- RR- Newburyport had 3 things on the ballot and they did a large campaign to promote the vote.
- Seniors study was needs assessment which ended up in sg footage.
- Seniors need and want to know what the plan is?
- KP- Get info from TA and clarity of packing of town hall and senior center etc.
- Need to get someone back on the committee.
- What about rec? They need a new Home?
- Are the amount of elementary school staying the same.
- Yes that will be the next things to visit.
- Maybe take down the modular at the elementary schools.

Questions:

- Need to hear from TA and Selectman's rep.

- MM- TA said financial implication not this group concern. MM thinks this group needs to know what coat impact is so we can support projects adequately?
- KP- Suggest that J. Norton meet with us.
- KP- disagrees on change of the group being financial. Committee needs to help from the vision of how buildings should be used for the future of the town.
- AB- Concern over what and how it would cost to renovate Gates.
- 22 million is proposed cost to re-purpose gates.
- Should Gates be sold?

NEXT STEPS:

- Look at RWSullivan reports.
- KP- talk to TA and selectman to re-validate our plan.
- JC- Talk to Daedalus for maybe some costing

?- Should the focus be on all the buildings.

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