



Town of Swampscott, Hadley Elementary School

Swampscott School Building Committee Meeting #13

Date & Time: 8:00AM on September 17, 2013

Location: Swampscott Middle School

Attended

Swampscott School Building Committee (SSBC): Joseph Crimmins, SSBC Chair (JC)
Edward Cronin, SPS Business Manager (EC)
Pam Angelakis, Assistant Superintendent (PA)
Sandy Rivers, Principal, Hadley School (SR)
Laurier Beaupre, Ex. Officio (LB)
Garrett Baker, Member, MCPPO Certified (GB)

collaborative partners (CP): Joe Naughton (JN)
Paul Kalous (PK)

Mount Vernon Group Architects (MVG): Frank Tedesco, AIA (FT)
Al Cuevas AIA (AC)
Ben Gary (BG)

The purpose of the meeting is to move the Hadley Elementary School Project forward.

Public Outreach/Forums

JC opened the meeting and the discussed the reactions and responses he observed from the public in the forums that were held on September 10 and 12.

At the September 10 public forum, the attendee's main complaints were notification of the public forums and traffic concerns. The notification issue was responded to by describing all of the media outlets and outreach that took place in advance of the public forums. Prior to the second forum the Town placed a "robo call" for the following public forums to all households in Swampscott as suggested by one of the public forum attendees. JC stated that traffic is a real issue at the present schools and will be an issue moving forward that the team will have to present a plan to best mitigate traffic issues when the site is selected. JC indicated that if a solution to the traffic issue is presented, it will still be difficult to get the support of the direct abutters.

The predominant topic at the September 12 forum was the size of the schools. Many people spoke in favor of the small school option although there were some in favor of the district wide school. Some asked why the Linscott Park could not be used. The SBC asked Collaborative Partners and MVG to evaluate this as an option. At this forum, the SBC members asked MVG to not include parkland acquisition costs including the replication of the park, and only look at the costs that would compare to the other sites. Tom Younger was investigating the deed to Linscott Park to learn what restrictions and covenants that may be connected to that property.

Linscott Park site

MVG confirmed through a site plan that with Linscott Park, either a 275 or 635 student school would fit, although the test fit indicates the site is tight. Collaborative Partners provided the results of their review (alternates J and K added to the comparison list) as far as project costs not including parkland acquisition and costs. Each alternative was more expensive than the new school alternatives at either Stanley or the Middle School. The reason for this is the cost to provide rental modular classroom trailers on another site to accommodate the Hadley students during construction. The approximate cost of providing these trailers and site costs would be \$2 million. The locations for the temporary trailers would be either on the Stanley site, the



Middle School site or the High School parking lot. MVG stated that to use the Machon as swing space, that school would require accessibility and other code upgrades and that would also be expensive.

JC commented that Tom Younger was investigating the deed restrictions. JC said that even if it were possible to build on that site, there would be a significant number of voters that would not support building a school at this location.

"Frequently Asked Questions"

The school website received several questions. CP drafted up responses for review by the committee that was reviewed at this meeting. The SBC discussed the questions and the proposed answers and offered some comments. CP is incorporating the comments and will respond in email to the person who asked the question and post the question and response to the website.

Next Meeting:

A number of SBC members will participate in the public forum on Wednesday September 18. GP and LB will be moderators.

The next School Building Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 8:00AM in the Middle School Library.