



Town of Swampscott, Hadley Elementary School

Swampscott School Building Committee Meeting #3

Date & Time: 8:00AM on June 18, 2013

Location: Swampscott Middle School

Attended

Swampscott School Building Committee (SSBC):

Laurier Beaupre, Ex Officio (LB)
Lynne Celli, Superintendent of Schools (LC)
Joseph Crimmins, SSBC Chair (JC)
Edward Cronin, SPS Business Manager (EC)
Nancy Hanlon, Teacher Swampscott Schools (NH)
Carin Marshall, School Committee (CM)
Glenn Paster, Comm. & Marketing Professional (GP)
Sandra Rivers, Principal, Hadley Elementary School (SR)
Niles Tooher, Electrical and Energy Engineer (NT)
Thomas Younger, Exec. Officer and Administrator (TY)

collaborative partners (CP):

Joseph Naughton (JN)
Paul Kalous (PK)

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

Opening Remarks

JC opened the meeting by introducing collaborative partners to the committee members and turned it over to CP.

Designer Selection

PK described in detail the progress on designer selection and the process that the MSBA designer selection panel will use in selection of the designer. PK said that CP and the MSBA was surprised to only receive three proposals. CP reached out to a number of the firms that did not submit proposals and to understand why they did not. The results were documented in the communications to the MSBA that are shared with the SBC. The reason given was that they were told by the MSBA to be selective in the projects they propose on, and that they did not want to jeopardize their chances on another project they were previously focusing on. PK reviewed the summary sheet of the teams and references.

SR commented that the present Hadley building and site are unsuitable because there is no land for playing areas or parking and prefers a site such as the Stanley school site that has more room. Other SBC members agreed with these comments.

Designer Proposals

CP distributed a copy of the three designer proposals that were received, report of reference checks and the summaries that were sent to the MSBA.

The members of the committee reviewed and made the following comments of the proposals that were submitted:

SMMA:

Pros: Extensive experience; large company; responsive proposal.

Cons: Issues with high school project in 2007. It was said that it may be difficult to convince voters that the Hadley project will be on budget when the high school was over budget and has had issues with HVAC controls, energy usage in rotunda, no bleachers in gym, flooring issues in rotunda, no air conditioning in gymnasium due to cost overruns. It was also said that an elementary school had to be closed and teachers laid off to pay for high school cost overruns.

MVG:

Pros: Extensive experience; responsive proposal that included local consideration of the various sites in Swampscott. Wakefield office is not far from Swampscott. The committee was impressed that one of the elementary schools is in the MSBA model school program. The committee is interested to learn if they could be a candidate for a model school. A model school would be more appealing to Town voters.

Cons: No issues discussed.

CDR Maguire:

Pros: No comments.

Cons: Proposal response did not follow directions for form. Team does not appear to have sufficient MBE/WBE members. Unclear if some disciplines are in-house or consultants. Very little experience in constructing K-12 schools. Proposal did not furnish any information relative to the Hadley School project.

The PBC determined that they would take a vote to establish their preference among the three proposals received:

Motion: That the Mount Vernon Group has the most responsive proposal and would be the preferred designer for the Hadley Elementary School project of the three firms that submitted.

Motion by: Joe Crimmins

Seconded: Lynne Celli

Vote: Unanimous

Other Business:

PK stated that they have prepared their first monthly report. The committee stated that a paper copy and binders be sent to Tom Younger and Lynne Celli and everyone on the committee should receive an electronic copy.

PK requested that a meeting be scheduled as soon as possible after the designer is selected by DSP to get the designer underway on the feasibility study. If the DSP makes a selection Tuesday, this meeting will take place Thursday June 27 at 8 am in the superintendent's conference room. It will be cancelled if the selection is not made at that meeting. CP to send agenda.

Next Meeting:

The next School Building Committee meeting will be held on June 27, 2013 at 8:00AM.

These notes will become part of the project record as written, unless corrections or additions are received in writing by collaborative partners within 6 days of distribution.