



Town of Swampscott, Hadley Elementary School

Swampscott School Building Committee Meeting #8

Date & Time: 8:00AM on August 6, 2013

Location: Swampscott Middle School

Attended

Swampscott School Building Committee (SSBC):

Joseph Crimmins, SSBC Chair (JC)
Glenn Paster, Comm. & Marketing Professional (GP)
Barry Greenfield, Board of Selectmen (BG)
Edward Cronin, SPS Business Manager (EC)
Pam Angelakis, Assistant Superintendent (PA)
Niles Tooher, Electrical and Energy Engineer (NT)
Sandra Rivers, Principal, Hadley Elementary School (SR)
Thomas Younger, Exec. Officer and Administrator (TY)

collaborative partners (CP):

Joseph Naughton (JN)
Inger Hamre-Foley (IF)

Mount Vernon Group Architects (MVG):

Frank Tedesco, AIA (FT)
Al Cuevas AIA (AC)
Ben Gary, (BG)
Steve Gribbin, AIA (SG)

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

Opening Remarks

Collaborative Partners reviewed the agenda with the Committee.

Preliminary Design Program and Feasibility

MVG together with their Landscape Architect presented various options for the Stanley and Middle School sites. MVG's geo-environmental company is due to visit the two sites by the end of this week to perform a total of 8 test pits.

The first scenario showed the middle school site with a new school building next to the existing school. The classroom area was shown as a four-story building and then the building steps down to a two-story which includes the gymnasium and cafeteria, for a total of 635 students. The highest part of the roof line of the new building will align with the roof line of the current middle school. The play area and parking spaces are limited, which will need to be reviewed to see how the space can be better utilized.

With possible shared resources between the two schools, an enclosed connecting walkway might be added to the design. The Committee discussed the advantage of building a new school next to the middle school and noted that there would not be a need for demolition of building(s), no temporary facilities for the students while building the new school, siblings could go to the same complex area, and shared resources including the possibility of bringing prepared lunch from the middle school to the new school, while the disadvantage would be the loss of the fields. In order to remove this apparent disadvantage, MVG will refine the plan to include a grassed outdoor play/practice area next to the building. The Committee asked that MVG look at

trying to make the classroom wing footprint smaller by locating some of the classroom spaces above the gym/cafeteria portion of the proposed plan. MVG to review options. MVG to also to also investigate the possibility of rooftop outdoor play areas.

The next scenario from MVG showed a new two-story school being built across the street from the current Stanley School, with limited parking spaces and play area for a total of 635 students. The Committee would like MVG to review how a four-story building would free up area for parking spaces and play areas. After the completion of the new school building, the plan is to demolish the current building and create new recreational fields. The SSBC will reach out to the Church/Congregation next door to the new school site to see about the potential for an easement or contract to use part of their land as a possible second entrance/egress. The second entrance/egress could be limited to school hours and locked with a gate for off hours and weekends. The Fire Department would also be in favor of a second entrance/egress for emergency purposes.

MVG showed another scenario renovating and adding space to the current Stanley School with limited play area and parking spaces. This scenario does not allow for adding stories to the existing school due to structural limitation, and the current students at the school will be relocated to temporary facilities during the construction period. The design only accommodates 275 students rather than the desired 635 student school.

MVG will refine the options with the comments from the Committee for next week's meeting. MVG will also start working on the "Local Option" which will show the cost to the community by not participating in the MSBA program and renovating the current buildings as needed.

Schedule and Public Outreach

JN reviewed the draft schedule dated August 2, 2013 (copy attached) by highlighting the upcoming milestone dates. PA will be setting up a School Committee (SC) meeting in August, in which the SC must vote on the space summary that MVG is currently working on. The vote is required for the PDP submission to the MSBA scheduled for September 12, 2013. The two base space summaries will be for 275 and 635 students. JC and GP might attend to present the summaries.

The Committee discussed and agreed that it would be best to bring the Project to Town Meeting and Vote in May 2014, as opposed to the Fall of 2014, as this would likely provide the highest voter turnout which is expected to increase the odds of a favorable vote.

CP suggested adding a link to the new project website under the Town's website heading "Swampscott Schools". The committee agreed that the name of the project should be "Swampscott Elementary School Project".

CP suggested that the new website get launched at the scheduled Faculty Convocation on August 26, 2013. The SSBC will have about 10-12 minutes to present the project and website at this meeting.

The timing of public outreach meetings was discussed. Swampscott Public Forums dedicated to introducing the project to the public are shown on the schedule as line items 31 and 32 occurring on September 16 and September 23, 2013. GP indicated he is not yet sure when these meetings should be and whether they should be morning or evening meetings. SR noted that during the week of September 16th and September 23rd, there will be evening meetings scheduled for discussion of education curriculum with parents. It was discussed that the project Public Forums might want to be scheduled to either follow or be part of one or both of these meetings as the schedule allows. It is important that the public outreach meetings be schedule to occur before September 23, 2013 as the schedule shows for the SSBC to vote on a preferred schematic design at the September 24, 2013 SSBC meeting which is required to make the MSBA Board meeting on November 20, 2013. SR will report back with the exact dates of the parent curriculum meetings. The project public forum meetings will then be scheduled accordingly by the SSBC.

CP will write up a short introduction of the project for the website, and will create a list of common Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and suggested answers for the Committee to review at the next meeting. The website will list the names of the members of the SSBC, and a list of upcoming events. GP suggested that the website have a link to the MSBA website as well. The project website will have an email address that gets sent directly to CP, who will review the question, draft a response and review the response with selected SSBC members for quick turnaround.



At this time there is no "Friends of Swampscott Elementary School Building" group.

Other Business:

The SSBC did not have a quorum to vote to approve the MVG invoice for July and Meeting Notes #7. CP will include these items on the beginning of next week's agenda.

Next Meeting:

The next School Building Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 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.