

Sharon Standing Building Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

SSBC Members

Gordon Gladstone, Chair -present	Mike B. Martin -present	Rick Rice - present
Matt Grosshandler, Vice Chair -present	Marty Richards -present @ 6:44PM	Colleen Tuck -present
Matt Baldassari -present	Roger Thibault -present	Sara Winthrop -present
Deb Benjamin – present		

Don Brichta, Judy Crosby, Carolyn Weeks

SBC Attendees and Others

Julie Rowe – SBC – HS	Kevin Nigro – PMA – HS
Avi Shemtov – SBC – HS	Matt Gulino – PMA – HS
Meg Dussault - SBC	Chris Jankun – PMA
Emily Burke – Acting HS Principal, SBC	Chris Carroll – PMA
Tony Kopacz – SPS – HS	Eric Lowther – PMA
Timothy Chouinard – DPW	Chris Sharkey – Tappe – HS
Peter Botelho -- Superintendent	Chris Blessen – Tappe – HS
Carolyn Weeks –LBC - present	Tim Ericson – Consigli – HS
Cheryl Weinstein – Library present 7:80	Chandler Rudert – Consigli –HS
LeeAnn Amend – Library	Kyle Raposo – Consigli – HS
R. Drayton Fair – LLB – Library	Mike Winters – Consigli – HS
Brian Valentine – LLB – Library	Ryan O’Neil – Consigli
Ariana Pizzanelli LLB - Library	Kristy Lyons – Consigli – HS
Mark Luzaitis CHA On-site rep. – Lib	Jonathan Seibel – Consigli – HS
Casey Hochheimer -CHA – Lib	Karl Walsh – MOCC – Lib
Joe Sullivan - CHA- Lib	

Open the meeting

The Chair noted that the meeting was being held remotely consistent with MA laws. The meeting opened at 6:31 PM.

Mr. Gladstone resigned and Mr. Grosshandler as Vice Chair, took on the role of Acting Chair of the SSBC.

Mr. Sam Liao, Town Moderator’s Appointee to the SBC Selection Committee Chair, worked with Mr. Gladstone for the last three years to appoint and reappoint members of the SBC. He also worked with Mr. Gladstone on the first SSBC project eighteen years ago, the Cottage Street Project. Mr. Liao joined the meeting to commemorate the occasion and thanked Mr. Gladstone for the time, work, and dedication it takes to be the Chair of the SBC.

Mr. Thibault seconded Mr. Liao’s comments for Mr. Gladstone’s tireless efforts for all these years, for his approach to these projects. He noted that Mr. Gladstone transformed the infrastructure for the town of Sharon for the better.

Mr. Grosshandler echoed what Mr. Liao and Mr. Thibault said. He added that Ms. Benjamin left big shoes to fill when she left the job of Vice Chair. Mr. Gladstone left big shoes to fill too and hoped he could do half the job Mr. Gladstone had done.

Mr. Grosshandler noted that several projects were outstanding: Mr. Gladstone agreed to stay on for the HS project; Mr. Rice and Mr. Thibault with the PFAS building and upcoming water dept. building; and Ms. Tuck and others with library. Mr. Grosshandler was thankful to be part of a strong committee with a lot of great people.

Ms. Benjamin asked Mr. Grosshandler whether if she nominated him for Chair would he accept? He indicated he probably would. Ms. Tuck seconded that. Mr. Grosshandler said he was not opposed to being Acting Chair for some period. He doesn't feel he can do what Mr. Gladstone did without help breaking up the role because of how many moving parts there are in town.

From perspective of things needed to be signed, it would be better if Mr. Grosshandler was voted Chair rather than Acting Chair member pointed out.

MOTION: Ms. Benjamin nominated Matt Grosshandler to become Chair of the Standing Building Committee. Tuck seconded. Approved 8-0-1 (Grosshandler abstained.)

Mr. Grosshandler asked if there were any other nominations for Chair. None. Roll call vote followed.

Mr. Thibault was too stretched to do Vice Chair. Matt Baldassari passed. Matt Grosshandler said he knows the effort Mr. Gladstone had put in and it may not be the right time for a singular Vice Chair. Discussion about dividing responsibilities among more members. Mr. Gladstone said maybe Mr. Martin would move to PFAS and Mr. Rice would take on new school committee request.

Do need a Vice Chair so there is someone to run a meeting in the absence of the chair.

Mr. Rice was not adverse to moving over to school project. He can step aside at end of selection process so Mr. Martin can get up to elbows in the design process for PFAS treatment. Mr. Martin was open to doing a singular project like that. Mr. Martin does not have the capacity to do a vice chair role with what is on his plate right now.

MOTION: Mr. Gladstone nominated Ms. Benjamin to be the Vice Chair. Ms. Winthrop seconded. Approved 9-0-1 (Benjamin abstained).

Ms. Benjamin committed to Vice Chair through the end of the year. Ms. Benjamin liked the idea that the committee come up with particular active roles, not sure what to call them. Building committee representative suggested. Cannot call it a subcommittee because that is a public committee. Something indicating taking responsibility, building representative, a project lead maybe.

Ms. Judy Crosby, resident, suggested reviewing the bylaws and making it clear to the public who to speak to about what and how. The warrant is about to be opened for five days and there is a fall town meeting soon as well.

Mr. Gladstone will send out meeting bylaws to everybody tonight.

Ms. Winthrop left at 6:56PM.

Mr. Liao and Mr. Grosshandler will need to collaborate on the next set of interviews for committee members. Must try to get it done before the end of the year as the new bylaw was drawn up.

Ms. Schustek will circulate the member terms.

Mr. Liao had changes to new bylaw for new Selection Committee.

A. Adjournment

MOTION: Chair made omnibus motion to adjourn barring any objections.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.