

**Sharon School Building Committee
Sharon Town Hall
90 South Main Street
Sharon, Massachusetts 02067**

**SBC Meeting Minutes
10/23/18**

SSBC Members

Gordon Gladstone, Chair	Richard Slater absent	Sara Winthrop
Deb Benjamin	Steve Smith	
Rick Rice	Roger Thibault	
Marty Richards	Colleen Tuck	Matthew Baldassari (TH)

Special Members

Ken Wertz		Jim Wright, Fire Chief absent
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SBC Attendees and Others

Chris Powers Colantonio absent	Emily Burke SBC
Kim Joyce Colantonio	Judy Crosby SBC absent
Kevin Paton BKA	Amy Garcia SBC
Mary Bulso DPI	Victoria Greer SBC
Larry McDonough DPI absent	Jose Libano SBC
Joe Sullivan DPI absent	John Marcus SBC absent
Matt Gulino PMA absent	Chris Blessen Tappe
Paul Queeney PMA	Charlie Hay
Don Hillegass	Jack Girvan resident

Administration

- The meeting of the SBC was called to order by Chair Gladstone at 6:50 PM at the Public Safety Building.
- Future scheduled meetings: 11/6, 11/20, 12/18

High School

- Chris Blessen from Tappe provided the Committee with an analysis of alternative site options to build the High School. These include the current site at 181 Pond Street, 144 Old Post Road, 250 E. Foxboro Street, 149 East Street and 400 Mountain Street. This presentation will also be made to the School Committee. All sites except E. Foxboro and the current High School site are not owned by the Town. This land acquisition would require a purchase by the Town. Given the time constraints Chair Gladstone stated that the only rationale conclusion is to build on the current site.
- The pros and cons for each site must be reviewed as part of the due diligence process. 25 – 30 acres are needed to build upon. The Sharon Gallery site is currently under construction for 290 apartments and is slated for a great deal of commercial space. Traffic would be congested. Sharon Country Club is undeveloped at the moment and there is language in the

deed that if the Club goes under that the property would revert back to the Town as open space. 250 E. Foxboro Street may be the only potential other option. The Town only owns part of the property so, would need to take back property leased to Camp Everwoods. The shape of the property is less than ideal for incorporating the fields and the academics. Rattlesnake Hill at 400 Mountain Street has agreements for housing on this property and there is quite a bit of earth work required to make it suitable. It is at an edge of Town and would be difficult for traffic control.

- Steve Smith questioned what happens to the current High School if another site is selected.
- Mr. Blessen said he provides the challenges of the job, the analysis of the sites and is obligated to guide the process. Chair Gladstone stated that he hopes the consultant will lead us to the right decision. The School Committee will make the final decision regarding the site.
- Mr. Blessen stated that the survey work at the high school is not yet completed. They are working on testing the wetlands and setbacks.
- At the next meeting there will be options to walk through. Mr. Hay will be in attendance.
- Mr. Blessen said he is starting to get reports back from the site engineers. He will place in the drop box for the Committee to review.
- A brief discussion was held regarding the number of seats required for the auditorium. MSBA provides for 750 seats within the program. Mr. Blessen will provide options for setup.
- Mr. Smith questioned if there are other flexible alternatives that would allow the auditorium to remain small but increase for the few times that it is needed. Mr. Blessen stated this would likely be a challenge for a space like this. Dr. Libano stated that in the 13 years he has been Principal, they have not brought in more than 600 students at one time.
- With drama events or rentals of the space, events are either under attended or oversold but, rarely a general full house. The families in Town would like to see a larger auditorium and stage. It was asked if we can have a large stage with the same number of seats. Going forward the program will include more and can be cut back after seeing the costs that the Town will have to accept.
- Mr. Blessen explained that while MSBA establishes the enrollment for the school, it is desirable for a site and/or building design to accommodate future expansion should enrollment increase beyond MSBA projections; MSBA does not want to see a strict plan with no flexibility for the future. Current enrollment is 1125 and future calculations can program to 1250. Mr. Blessen said that MSBA wants designs for the agreed upon enrollment.

- Mr. Queeney from PMA said he attended all planning presentations. He stated Mr. Blessen is describing standard processes for MSBA. This will all be developed into a favorable submittal for MSBA.

Minutes

Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes of 10/9/18. Ms. Benjamin seconded the motion and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of approval.

Invoices

Ms. Benjamin moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve all invoices. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of approval.

High School

PMA - \$20,263.00

Adjournment

Through unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Attachments

Tappe Alternative Site Options

PMA Sharon High School Project Next Steps as of 10/23/18

Submitted:

Rachelle Levitts

Sharon Standing Building Committee

(Gordon Gladstone) Signature of Chair

Date of Acceptance