



# Town of Groton - Public Works

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## Meeting Minutes

### Permanent School Building Committee

**Chairman Rick DeMatto, Vice-Chairman W. Gordon Lange, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Richard Monteiro, Robert Morrison, David Russell, and John Webster.**

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Thursday, June 16, 2005

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

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#### Regular Meeting

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#### 1. ROLL CALL

*The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.*

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Gordon Lange, Richard Monteiro, Robert Morrison and David Russell

Members Absent: John Webster

*Staff: Rick Norris, Project Manager - School Construction and Colleen Quattromani, Recorder.*

*Also present: David Miner, RTM Representative.*

#### 2. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

*None.*

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### a) June 2, 2005

*A motion was made by Austin-LaFrance, seconded by Monteiro to accept the meeting minutes of June 2, 2005 as written. The motion was accepted unanimously.*

#### 4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)

##### (a) PSBC Members

*Mr. Lange reported receiving an e-mail from a resident expressing concern that the PSBC pay enough attention to natural lighting and ventilation in the new school construction and also suggesting the use of white brick in the project.*

##### (b) Department of Public Works Staff

*Mr. Norris briefed the PSBC on the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 14th which addressed the use of PLAs. The Department of Public Works Director provided information from both the unions and the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). A representative from the ABC explained the concerns many have about using PLAs. This representative will be gathering more information on the subject for the Town Council. Mr. Norris noted that the School Building Project was estimated without a PLA so that their inclusion now could add to the cost of the project.*

*The PSBC discussed the use of PLAs. Chairman DeMatto and the PSBC concluded that at this time it would be inappropriate for the Committee as a group to issue an opinion. Chairman DeMatto asked Mr. Norris to keep the Committee informed on any information that is developed on the effect of PLAs on construction projects.*

*Mr. Norris then discussed the draft reports received from URS on the Hazardous Materials study and Phase I study for Freeman Hathaway. There were no significant problems discovered. One issue that did come up concerned the location of a fuel storage tank and that can be handled with a few soil samples.*

##### (c) Board of Education Staff

*No report.*

**(d) Jeter, Cook & Jepson**

*At the conclusion of the last meeting JCJ expected that the cost estimate for the schematic design would come in within 10% of budget so that JCJ could begin design development. However, because of the escalation in cost of materials in 2004 and 2005 and other issues, the estimates were over the 10% threshold on all sites. JCJ is meeting Monday with Town staff and the school administrators to refine and look at the scope of the buildings. Mr. Kononchik, of Gilbane, explained to the Committee how they as the construction manager developed prices for the design presented. Right now square footage and systems need to be reviewed. JCJ stated they will meet construction bid dates promised to the Town. Mr. Smolley concluded saying that JCJ needed more time in schematic design to evaluate the scope of the projects and have schematic design materials for the PSBC to review on July 14th. JCJ will advise the PSBC until then through Mr. Norris. Chairman DeMatto will attend on a meeting with JCJ and Town staff and school administrators next Wednesday.*

*Mr. Norris said that the Council was told Tuesday night that the PSBC presentation for June 23rd has been cancelled. Mr. Greenleaf carried the message to the Board of Education. At this time the presentation has not been rescheduled.*

**(e) Gilbane**

*No report.*

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(a) summer meeting schedule**

*The PSBC agreed to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting of July 7th which falls during the holiday week and reschedule the meeting for Thursday July 14, 2005.*

**(b) status of Committee member terms**

*Chairman DeMatto spoke with Town Councilor, Natalie Billing about the status of Committee member terms to the PSBC and was informed that Committee members serve in their positions until their parties replace them. The Town Clerk's office is looking into the matter of the official term renewals and the PSBC should have more information for the next meeting.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

*None.*

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

*Mr. Miner, RTM representative for the PSBC, told the Committee that Representative Sebastian asked for a statement from the Committee about how the BRAC process would affect the school project. Mr. Norris said that the Town Manager put out a statement on the subject that should have gone to the RTM. Chairman DeMatto concluded that the PSBC would not go beyond the statement made.*

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.*