

Minutes
Bungay Elementary School Building Committee
Special Meeting (Organizational Meeting)
January 25, 2024 at 7:00pm
Seymour Town Hall
Norma Drummer Room
Seymour, CT 06483

Members Present: Rebecca Bennett, Tim Connors, Ann Marie Drugonis, Peter Kubik, Beth Nesteriak, Thomas Nobili, Andy North, Fred Stanek, Ed Strumello

Members Absent: Trisha Danka

Others Present: Dr. Susan Compton, Mary Sue Feige, Lauren Reid and Matthew Bennett

Item 1: Call meeting to order

First Selectwoman Ann Marie Drugonis called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

First Selectwoman Ann Marie Drugonis led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3: Introductions

The committee went around the room introducing themselves, favorite food and facts about themselves.

Item 4: Discussion of the scope of the charge of the Committee: First Selectwoman Anmarie Drugonis

To develop and present to the to the Board of Select Persons and the people of the Town of Seymour design plan and cost estimates thereof utilizing the findings as set forth in the Report of the Bungay School Facility Needs Study Committee dated December 14, 2023 for vote at a referendum, and if the vote is positive, to develop construction plans and undertake and renovate/expand Bungay Elementary School within the approved plan cost of the referendum vote.

Item 5: Election of Officers:

A motion was made by Tim Connors to elect Fred Stanek and Peter Kubik to be Co-Chairpersons.

This motion was seconded by Rebecca Bennett

Vote 6-yes

Rebecca Bennett

Tim Connors

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Beth Nesteriak
Thomas Nobili
Andy North
Ed Strumello

2-abstentions

Peter Kubik
Fred Stanek

A motion was made by Fred Stanek to elect Tim Connors as Vice Chairperson
The motion was seconded by Ed Strumello

Vote: 7 yes

Rebecca Bennett
Peter Kubik
Beth Nesteriak
Thomas Nobili
Andy North
Fred Stanek
Ed Strumello

1-abstention

Tim Connors

A motion was made by Tim Connors to elect Rebecca Bennett as Secretary
A second to the motion was made by Fred Stanek

Vote: 7 yes

Tim Connors
Peter Kubik
Beth Nesteriak
Thomas Nobili
Andy North
Fred Stanek
Ed Strumello

1-abstention

Rebecca Bennett

Item 6: Public Comment

Mary Sue Feige reported that she was very excited to see what the Building Committee comes up with. Dr. Compton, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Feige did report they will try their best to be there for any questions.

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Item 7: Discussion and take possible action regarding a 2024 meeting schedule.

A motion was made by Rebecca Bennett that the Board will meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm. The location will be the Central Office Board Room which is located in the back of Seymour High School.

The Board also added a meeting prior for February 1, 2024 at 7pm at Central Office. A second to this motion was made by Ed Strumello

Yes-8 No-0

Rebecca Bennett
Tim Connors
Peter Kubik
Beth Nesteriak
Thomas Nobili
Andy North
Fred Stanek
Ed Strumello

Item 8: Discussion and take possible action regarding the following:

- A survey of the school property
- B. A demographic student
- C. Preliminary architectural/engineering services for a planning assessment and facility conditions study of Bungay Elementary School.

There was a good amount of discussion about how the Board wanted to move forward and how quickly. The Board decided that Tim Connors and Beth Nesteriak were going to reach out to some architects to get an idea of cost and availability. Rebecca Bennett is going to reach out to Sara at Planetree to set up a meeting with Tim Connors, Beth Nesteriak and Rebecca Bennett for better understanding of any costs and when they become involved in the process. Tim Connors and Beth Nesteriak also reported that they will work together to come up with a proposal. Beth Nesteriak brought up that a lot of schools are in the process of building or remodeling so it may not be as easy to find multiple architects. The board also acknowledged that the cost of everything in the economy has gone up since the CLS project.

Item: 9 Discussion and take possible action to request that the Board of Select Persons and/or the Board of Finance appropriate funds to hire professionals to prepare preliminary plans and cost estimates for the project design.

There was a motion made by Ed Strumello to table number 9 until our next meeting on 2/1/2024 at 7pm.

The motion was seconded by Tim Connors

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Vote: 8 yes 0: No

Rebecca Bennett
Tim Connors
Peter Kubik
Beth Nesteriak
Thomas Nobili
Andy North
Fred Stanek
Ed Strumello

Item: 10 Discussion and take possible action regarding the next steps required to fulfill the charge of the Committee.

At this time the Planetree Philosophy was discussed in great detail. The committee was trying to understand if there were up front costs because we need to have everything together before we submit our request. Rebecca Bennett and Fred Stanek informed the board that this is new for them also to deal with a school and that they were working up a proposal. Rebecca Bennett was going to reach out to Sara, head of Planetree to schedule a meeting with board members.

Item 11: Committee members comments, including the Chairperson's report.

No committee comments at this time.

Item 12: Public Comments

No public comments at this time.

Item 13: Adjournment

Fred Stanek board Co Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm



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Submitted by Secretary of Bungay School Building Committee
Rebecca Bennett