

SBRC

Meeting minutes

Feb 15, 2022

Members present:

John Tocci, John Heffernan, Phil Gonzalez, Steve Bilafer, Victor Hebert, Kevin Coughlin

Absent: Mayanne MacDonald Briggs

Members of School Administration present:

Sara Erickson

Dedham Zoning Board of Appeal

Sara Rosenthal

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

No public comment

Previous meetings minutes reviewed. Mr. Tocci requested one edit to the date. Mr. Bilafer motioned to approved minutes, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Hebert. Mr. Coughlin abstained.

Update that all previous agenda and minutes have been posted on the town website, except from ECEC building process. Mr. Tocci and Ms. Briggs to follow-up.

Enrollment certificate received from MSBA. Certificates to be verified and signed by town and School Committee representatives.

Mr. Tocci recapped meeting from Dec. 21 with MSBA about enrollment and needs moving forward.

Discussed that certifications for the Oakdale School, Oakdale and Riverdale combination, and Oakdale and Greenlodge combination requested by the MSBA. This DOES NOT act as a choice of options, but does allow us to move forward with to the feasibility phase.

Mr. Heffernan asked if this would satisfy any more of the requested SOI. Mr. Hebert mentioned that Superintendent Welch and the admin team were currently working on the requested SOI's .

Discussion of conservation land behind the ECEC to the town. Planning board meeting held. Still at issue is parking requirements at the ECEC.

Mr. Coughlin provided a recap. Planning Board voted unanimously to accept.

Mr. Bilafer clarified that for full access to the property there needs to be a bridge built over a brook from the ECEC. At question is who will pay for the upgrades.

Mr. Heffernan said that the donated property also abuts public roads. Although a bridge would still need to be constructed, there is a concrete walkway from Robert Rd. in an abutting neighborhood. Possible entrances from other public roads may be off of the table.

Mr. Bilafer asked if this additional property would release the district from building constraints at the ECEC. Mr. Heffernan asked if our interest in the property could have any implications for building a new school.

Mr. Tocci clarified that the SBRC has intimate knowledge of the parking situation at the ECEC which will be impacted by this project. To which Mr. Bilafer commented that the SBRC should avail itself to the town during this process.

MSBA vote for Dedham acceptance to the feasibility phase set for March 28, 2022.

Mr. Tocci asked if the school/town have started preliminary work on bids.

Plans for community meetings discussed. Mr. Tocci suggested avoiding election season, and schedule the first meeting for June to "set the table" for more meeting in the fall.

Mr. Heffernan reminded the board that at a previous meeting we discussed holding off on meetings until Sept.

Mr. Bilafer suggested that we let the consultants set the timetable for meetings and that we should inquire directly about this during the vetting process.

Next meeting March 14, 2022 at 7 PM.

At 7:25 PM, Mr. Hebert motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bilafer

Voted unanimously.