

A meeting of the Building Committee was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in the LMC of Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Committee Chair John Chapman, Vice Chair JP Fernandes, committee members George Bauer, Matt Cleary, Don Fital, Andie Greene, Janet Morgan, Brian Peterson, and Alan Rubacha.

Unavailable to attend: Pat DiSarro, Tom Hecht, Gary Michell, Kurt Lavaway, and Robert Piazza

Also present: Wayne McAllister, Maryanne Van Aken, Mike Molzon, Amy Samuelson from SLAM, Marc Sklenka and Charles Warrington from Colliers, one additional audience member, and clerk Deb Carlton

Mr. Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Mr. Chapman began the meeting by recapping the ongoing work that SLAM has been doing with the Region, and asked Ms Samuelson to elaborate.

Ms. Samuelson is looking at what was previously done, and benefitting from information Mr. Molzon has provided, to do more of an assessment of the NHS campus as opposed to simply hearing a list of what is needed. Once a BIM is developed, her team will meet with school department chairs to hear about their needs, and will look at footprints and room/area usages in order to determine ways to make existing space more useful.

The committee discussed how the state calculates square footage needed based on enrollment figures within an allowable time span. Also considered are program needs, graduation requirements, and specialty classes, and whether students tend to take more of certain subject area classes than are required of them.

Ms. Samuelson noted the architects will challenge the way rooms/spaces are used now, and that a change of mindset may be needed.

Mr. Chapman mentioned meetings are being set up with department chairs, educational meetings with Ms. Samuelson, in order to raise the vocabulary level – how teaching space is seen for the future – and to optimize the current concept.

It was concluded that the schematic phase will need to be expanded, and the detailed design phase compressed, to get all these details sorted out.

The role of the OPM was discussed in detail, and Mr. Sklenka and Mr. Warrington gave the committee an idea of how/how often meetings would be scheduled, and communications and work plans they will provide.

Ms. Samuelson added that, as each phase of work is completed, they will need board approval before moving on to the next phase.

The need for a one year extension from the state was also discussed with Mr. McAllister. Mr. Fernandes confirmed that, at the end of the program phase, this will be shown to the state, and we will request an extension.

Ms. Samuelson and Mr. Sklenka estimated the schematic design schedule will be prepared in 2 weeks; it is not time to estimate the construction duration yet.

The committee discussed having an RFP/Q ready to go out in April for CM.

The committee decided to maintain the every other Tuesday meeting schedule until they need to be more frequent.

Ms. Samuelson described the order of occurrence as BIM first, programing meetings next, and benchmarking the existing building to comparable schools after that.

Mr. McAllister added that the program review will become the basis for the review of current educational specifications.

The meeting concluded at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

John Chapman, Chair
Building Committee