

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HOUSEBUILDING/FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES  
251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA  
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM  
JANUARY 12, 2023

In attendance: Donald DiBiasio of Somerset, Paul Jennings of Westport, Ms. Joan Menard of Fall River, Brian Bentley, Interim Superintendent-Director, Andrew Rebello, Assistant Superintendent-Principal, Gregory Brilhante, Legal Counsel and Helena Neves, Executive Secretary

The meeting began with a roll call at 5:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the December 8, 2022 minutes and approve them, as recorded.

Mr. DiBiasio deferred to Mrs. Torres for the Community Projects update.

Mrs. Torres stated that work on the Community Projects is ongoing and active projects are moving along nicely. The Westport cemetery project is currently underway. A new bathroom is being built and replacement wooden gates will be installed. Mrs. Torres stated that Representative Schmid visited the Building and Property Maintenance students and staff working at the Westport cemetery and expressed his appreciation to everyone working on the project.

Mr. DiBiasio asked which shops are currently working on projects.

Mrs. Torres stated that Plumbing, Electricity, Building and Property Maintenance and Carpentry are all involved and working on community projects.

Mr. DiBiasio deferred to Mrs. Torres for the 22/23 Housebuilding Project update.

Mrs. Torres provided an update on the 22/23 Housebuilding Project. The first phase of plumbing is completed and framing is underway. Electricity is expected to begin work during the next shop cycle.

Mr. DiBiasio deferred to Mrs. Torres for the 23/24 Housebuilding Project update.

Mr. Torres informed Members that Mr. Manny Lindo, a local developer, stopped by briefly today with a proposal. He has acquired 8 acres of land and is looking to build three houses. Mr. Lindo has communicated to Mr. Botelho that if his proposal is approved, the program could build one house each year. Mrs. Torres asked the Members for permission to meet with Mr. Lindo and have a discussion about his proposal.

Mr. Jennings asked who the houses are being sold to. The Housebuilding Program typically only builds for low income families or veterans and not for a developer.

Mrs. Torres stated that when she asked Mr. Lindo, he stated that they are for the elderly. Mrs. Torres also stated that the Housebuilding Program regulations were modified and no longer have a restriction.

Attorney Brilhante stated that if the project was to be approved, restrictions could be placed on the deed.

Mr. Torres agreed that stipulations could be added to the contract.

Mr. DiBiasio stated that the program should stay with building houses for low income and veterans. If after advertising and no applications are received, he wouldn't be opposed to Mr. Lindo's project. Mr. DiBiasio further stated that Mr. Lindo's project would have to be approved yearly and if a low income or veteran project is received, it would have priority over Mr. Lindo's project.

Mr. DiBiasio asked Mrs. Torres to meet with Mr. Lindo to gather more information and provide any clarifications.

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Mrs. Torres will schedule a meeting to meet with Mr. Lindo and invited members to join her.

Mrs. Torres provided members with a brochure for the Housebuilding Program and a copy of the car wrap sign to place on the school vans to advertise next year's program. The brochures will be distributed to local financial institutions and contractors.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously to adjourn the Sub-Committee meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Helena S. Neves*

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Materials Included:

December 8, 2022 minutes  
Community Projects List  
Page 1 of Mr. Lindo's Proposal  
Diman 1760 Sq. Ft. House Drawing  
Housebuilding Program Brochure  
Car Wrap Advertisement