

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS  
COMMITTEE  
September 9, 2019



These minutes are for  
informational purposes only.

**PRESENT:** Beckwith, Martha; Blackmer, Robert; Chalupka, Eric; Morse, David; Musumeci, Joe (6:37); Guillot, Bill; Sandford, Chris; Woodland, Julie  
**GUESTS:** Zach Collins and parents

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blackmer at 6:25 p.m.

**2. Community Participation – None.**

**3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of August 19, 2019**

**MOTION:** (Morse/Beckwith) To approve the minutes of August 19, 2019.

Unanimous

**4. Loos Center for the Arts Update**

Eric Chalupka, Director of the Loos Center for the Arts, updated the group about the Loos Center renovation. Plans have been drawn and they are waiting on the structural engineer. Selling scrap metal netted a bit of money. The project is still on track to be completed in time for the winter concert, although Mrs. Singleton has worked with Ms. Ranta to create a contingency plan just in case. The new sound system will be installed after the concert.

**5. Eagle Project Proposal by Zach Collins**

Zach Collins, an Academy senior and aspiring Eagle Scout, described his proposed Eagle Scout project to the committee. He plans to build a 48" round fire pit on South Campus with granite pavers and a pea stone surround. He also plans to build four 5-seater benches out of pressure-treated wood for students to enjoy sitting around the fire. The project is expected to cost approximately \$2,200. He hopes Chase Lumber will donate lumber for the benches and perhaps the Alumni Association will cover the cost of building the fire pit and surround. Dick Baron (Fire Marshal) and John Rigney, Assistant Head of School for South Campus, have both granted their approval of the concept and proposed location. Zach would like to begin work at the end of September and have the project completed before the snow begins to fall. Questions were asked and answered about project specifics.

**MOTION:** (Morse/Beckwith) To endorse the South Campus Community Fire Pit project as presented by Zach Collins.

Unanimous

**6. Other**

Questions arose about various Academy-owned structures. Topics included:

(1) A contractor is working on the foundation of the old, collapsed barn at Bentley

(2) The house at 599 Route 169 will be on the market soon

(3) The house at 151 Child Hill Road has an as-is offer. Discussion ensued about the house at 151 Child Hill Road

**MOTION:** (Morse/Beckwith) To ask the Real Estate Committee to consider razing or repairing (rather than selling) the house at 151 Child Hill Road in order to maintain its access to the lot behind it as some point in the future.

All voted Yes except Blackmer, who abstained. Motion Carries.

7. **Community Participation** – None.

8. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Morse/Beckwith) To adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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