

**Monadnock Regional School District  
Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 30, 2021  
SAU Conference Room/Zoom, Swanzey, NH**

**Members Present:** Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas and Betty Tatro **Absent:** D. LeClair.

**Also Present:** Jordan Mayblum via Zoom and Kristen Potter via Zoom of Gilfoil and L. Aivaliotis, MRSD Recording Secretary.

1. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
  
2. **Discussion with J. Mayblum and K. Potter of Gilfoil:** C. McDaniel-Thomas explained that the committee would like to see the webpage up and running for the Elementary Building Project. She explained the project is to renovate 4 schools and close 1 school. The committee would like the website to cater to each town. A separate page for each town and then link them together for the big picture. We do not want people to have to go through a general link to find their school. C. McDaniel-Thomas explained the committee had done presentations and also had a timeline. She asked Gilfoil what they needed from this committee. There are 5 buildings being impacted. We do have an architect. B. Tatro explained this is a facilities issue. We have a list of projects and it would take too long to complete. Instead we are asking for a bond. For the past years we have done a warrant for 1 million or more to take care of projects, by bonding the project the annual bond payment will be less than the warrant article. C. McDaniel-Thomas explained that the committee has the CIP and the costs. J. Mayblum said he will take the information that he has seen and create a shared folder on google drive. We will also include photos. Population is not an issue to close the school but we will have to showcase the reasons. C. McDaniel-Thomas explained that people recognize that Cutler is in poor condition. The land in which the school is on is small, there are parking issues and parents are fairly comfortable with closing it. B. Tatro said there was no uproar. K. Potter explained she will pull the information from the district website and will create a page for each school. She asked about a Building Committee and the committee explained there is not a Building Committee as of yet. There are subcommittees and the Board. K. Potter explained the page will list the Building

Committee, the meeting minutes and the agendas as well as project status and deadlines. The information on the project background and how the Elementary School Renovation Project came about will also be included. There will be a FAQ section. The current condition of each school should be on the webpage. The page could have a contact form to submit information. Social media, Facebook and Twitter can be linked to the webpage. There is also a way to link the webpage to the school and town accounts. J. Mayblum explained they have a news blog and we can link it to that. The committee explained they would like to have the website design based on the Pentucket School District web page. J. Mayblum would like to know the timeline in order to know how aggressive they need to be. We will have to bring people up to date. C. McDaniel-Thomas mentioned the Public Hearing and the fact that the Budget Committee could make or break this project. K. Potter explained as long as Gilfoil has the information it will be a quick turnaround. K. Potter will send a list of what she might need, send it to the CRC for review and then tweak when needed. Another Zoom call after Gilfoil has the information and website. C. McDaniel-Thomas will follow up with an email tomorrow and have the information by December 21, 2021. K. Potter also explained she will list the firms on the webpage. J. Mayblum will need to stay on top of any developments. C. McDaniel-Thomas explained that S.Peters was the creator of the PowerPoint. He will email the PowerPoint to Gilfoil. K. Potter said she can pull it from the site. C. McDaniel-Thomas said this is a good starting point.

**3. Listening Sessions:** C. McDaniel-Thomas commented that the presentations went well. K.Barker got a few new ideas and from her experience she would suggest a boys and girls bathroom in the MPR. This way you will be able to see the students at all times. The staff in attendance liked that idea. There was also discussion on the kitchen at Troy. K. Barker felt he did get something out of the sessions. We collected the emails but are not sure what to do with the list. She will contact L. Witte.

**4. Approval of the October 13, 2021 CRC Meeting Minutes. MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to approve the October 13, 2021 CRC Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**5. Next Steps to Promote the Building Project and Articles:** C. McDaniel-Thomas asked if the committee should do the mailings or an electronic pushout closer

to the vote. The committee will need to educate the voters on the Trust and the CBA. C. McDaniel-Thomas would like to bring the first draft of the warrant in plain English to the next meeting. The committee had a discussion on whether to meet with the select boards or not. B. Tatro said it is a good idea. It would be good to meet with them in the Spring.

**6. Setting the next meeting's date, time and agenda:** The next meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

**7. Public Comments:** There are no public comments.

**8. Adjourn: MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 PM.  
**SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Laura L. Aivaliotis**  
**Recording Secretary**