

GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOUSEBUILDING/FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES
251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

In attendance: Paul Jennings of Westport, Joan Menard of Fall River and Donald DiBiasio of Somerset.

Also in attendance: Brian Bentley, Superintendent-Director, Paul Kitchen, Director of Finance and Operations, Maria Torres, Assistant Principal of Technical Affairs, Gregory Brilhante, Legal Counsel and Helena Neves, Executive Secretary

The meeting began with a roll call at 5:30 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the April 2, 2024 minutes and approve them, as recorded.

Mr. DiBiasio deferred to Mrs. Torres for the community projects update. Mrs. Torres stated she was notified that some of the lighting at the Somerset snack shack was not working. Upon looking into it, it was discovered that a painter had disconnected the lighting fixtures and the boxes were spray painted. Fortunately, replacements were able to be ordered under the warranty. The Somerset Public Library has submitted a request to put in a drinking fountain. The Plumbing Department will be submitting the necessary paperwork to the State Plumbing Board for their review and approval. There were no new requests from Swansea. Westport High School has submitted a request for trophy cases and the American Legion has requested work on the front entry. The Fall River Boys and Girls Club submitted a request to repair cabins at Camp Welch. Mr. Bowen will be evaluating the request but it may not be possible to complete the work due to multiple ongoing projects. The Portersville dugouts project needs to be reevaluated due to a concern with the roof. The Fall River YMCA submitted a request to have the fourth floor painted. This project will be evaluated to see if it is a viable project.

Mr. DiBiasio deferred to Mrs. Torres for an update on the Housebuilding Program project in Swansea. Mrs. Torres stated that the work on the house is moving right along. Students were there yesterday squaring off the foundation and have started laying down the sill plates.

Mrs. Menard asked what projects are being done for Fall River. Mrs. Torres stated that there are several projects being worked on. The cleaning out of filters at the police station and Government Center are ongoing. A request was also received to remake the directory at Government Center. Mrs. Torres stated that the directory will be fabricated at Diman and brought to Government Center. Mrs. Torres further stated that this is also an option that is being considered for the sheds for Westport and Somerset.

Mrs. Torres stated that Fall River has submitted a requested to make new "Welcome to Fall River" signs. Mrs. Torres has spoken with Al Oliveira about the request as the signs are on state property and the appropriate paperwork needs to be filed with MassDOT.

Mrs. Torres stated that the Veterans submitted a request to remake a sign for Bicentennial Park. The request has been placed on hold due the expected elevation change because of the construction on Route 79.

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It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard and voted unanimously adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Helena S. Neves

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Materials Included:

April 2, 2024 minutes

Community Projects List