GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOUSEBUILDING/FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES
251 STONEHAVEN ROAD, FALL RIVER, MA
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

In attendance: Paul Jennings of Westport and Donald DiBiasio of Somerset.

Absent: Joan Menard of Fall River

Also in attendance: Jeffrey Begin, School Committee Member, Brian Bentley, Superintendent-Director, Leslie Weckesser, Assistant Superintendent-Principal, Warley Williams, Assistant Superintendent-Principal, Jennifer DeMariano, Director of Career and Technical Education, Gregory Brilhante, Legal Counsel, and Helena Neves, Executive Secretary.

The meeting began with a roll call at 5:02 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. DiBiasio, and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the June 4, 2026 minutes and approve them, as recorded.

Mr. DiBiasio deferred to Ms. DeMariano for the community projects update. Ms. DeMariano reported that work on the community projects has recently begun. Facilities and Maintenance Management students will be working at the Fall River Water Department, where they will be installing a new roof, exterior trim and doing some brick work. They are also completing insulation and sheetrock of the ceiling. Electricity students are also be onsite installing lighting and Ring cameras.

HVAC students are currently evaluating and preparing a quote for a project to install 10 mini-split systems at Luther Elementary School in Swansea.

Mr. DiBiasio deferred to Ms. DeMariano for an update on the 2026–2027 Housebuilding Project. Ms. DeMariano reported that the foundation has been installed, backfilled, and inspected and is ready for work to begin. The homeowner has submitted the request for a building permit. Calls have been made to the Building Inspector, and they are awaiting signatures from the Board of Health and Conservation Commission before the permit can be issued. Carpentry has ordered the flooring materials and will begin squaring the foundation and snapping chalk lines in preparation for the sill plates.

Electricity met with National Grid to discuss providing power to the home. The distance from the street to the home is approximately 600 feet. National Grid will install three to four poles along the property line, extending to approximately 100 feet from the house.

Plumbing has submitted the necessary paperwork to obtain the required state permits.

Mr. DiBiasio requested that members be notified once the building permit has been issued. Mr. Jennings added that he does not anticipate any issues with obtaining approval for the building permit.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Menard, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Helena S. Neves
Helena S. Neves, Executive Secretary

Materials Included:
June 4, 2026 minutes