

Shepaug Building Committee
Minutes of Meeting
June 14, 2016

1. *Call to Order*

Mr. Gregory Cava, Chairman of the Shepaug Building Committee called the meeting to order on June 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Present were the following:

Committee: Gregory Cava, Chairman, Rebecca Devine, John Kuck, Alex McNaughton. Absent were Robert Horrigan and Sydney Worobel.

Administration: Patricia Cosentino, Superintendent, Donald O'Leary, Facilities Manager, Robert Giesen, Director of Finance and Operations, Kim Gallo, Principal Shepaug Valley School.

Others Present: Charles Boos, Kaestle Boos Associates, Jennifer Mangiagli, Kaestle Boos Associates, and Ken Biegna, O & G Industries

2. *Adoption of Minutes:*

May 31, 2016 with corrections.

3. *Discuss AgSTEM project*

a. Project Status:

Greg Cava began the meeting with a short discussion on the reimbursement for the project. He stated that, based on the prep meeting he had attended with DAS, he was waiting for a confirmation from the State as to the 80% reimbursement on monies spent, should the State decide not to fund the project. Mr. Cava added he was waiting to hear something from the State other than a verbal commitment.

Dr. Cosentino reported on the meeting with the State Department of Education earlier in the day. Also attending that meeting were Kim Gallo, Robert Giesen, Jim Hirschfield, Anthony Amato, Charles Boos, and Gary Broschu, the Region's attorney. Dr. Cosentino stated that one of the concerns by the SDE was the population in relationship to the square footage of the new addition which relates to the formula used for the reimbursement rate. Dr. Cosentino said that handouts had been given to SDE members which had

information from the original AgriScience application. Dr. Cosentino summarized the discussion with the SDE and the information that was shared with that Board. In the discussion with the SDE, Dr. Cosentino said she shared information on the meeting she attended with DAS and the letter that had been received from the DAS. The question of “What is Shovel Ready?” had come up but the State did not have an answer and told Dr. Cosentino that they (SDE) would get back to her on that question. Dr. Cosentino also mentioned that she and Kim Gallo would be putting together a summary letter that would address some of the key concerns on the population and that it would be sent to Deputy Comm. Ellen Cohn at SDE. Bob Giesen followed up with more information on the meeting.

Discussion/ questions with the committee followed.

- b. Design information, shared information (Agriscience Advisory) and meeting requests

Jennifer Managiali, Kaestle Boos, displayed large drawings of the various buildings. Jennifer reviewed each drawing and stated that she had met with the science teachers to discuss renovations, enhancements, room sizes, utilities and needs. Jennifer stated that she had not made changes to the plans and would rather meet with the teachers once again before doing so. It was requested by the science teachers to set up tours of currently renovated science labs as to get ideas. Chuck Boos stated that near the end of July there should be a set of schematic plans that will be delivered to Dr. Cosentino and Mr. O’Leary.

- c. Review of Drawings:

No report – no changes have been made.

- d. Present on-site activities:

Don O’Leary updated the committee on what has transpired so far. Mr. O’Leary did have a Boundary Survey Map with him showing wetlands, utilities, electrical and drainage markings. Mr. O’Leary had copies of the map for the committee members on 8 ½” x 11” paper. Mr. O’Leary said he would be getting a full size drawing for Mr. Cava. Mr. O’Leary stated that the official acreage came in at 117.4 acres which included the property across the street from Shepaug. Mr. O’Leary reported that the Geo Technical Study had been done but at present, he does not have a copy. Mr. O’Leary said he has sent an email and asked for a report of findings that may have been found so far.

e. Funds expenditures:

Mr. Cava stated that he does not have any invoices that need to be acted on. Mr. Giesen reminded the committee, that the Washington Planning Commission will need to be contacted as part of the ability to borrow money. Mr. O'Leary stated that once he has a completed sealed drawing that would be done. Chuck Boos added, that is something they would do.

Mr. McNaughton mentioned that the next time we go to the SDE, maybe in our presentation we can anticipate what questions the SDE may ask and to provide information to questions they did not ask, but possibly should have.

There was a short discussion on being "Shovel Ready".

f. Upcoming decisions

Mr. Cava stated that unless there is a final set of plans to review or expenditures to approve and send on to the Board, he will probably cancel the June 28 meeting.

4. *Adjournment:*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consent at 6:36 PM.

Next meeting: June 28, 2016 unless otherwise canceled