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Dale Street Building Communications Sub-Committee
Zoom Remote Session Meeting
Meeting Date: 5/6/21- 12:00-1:00 PM

In attendance:

Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke- member

Tim Bonfatti - member

Emily Grandstaff-Rice

Gina Gomes-Cruz

Tim Baker

Tina Soo Hoo

Tim Knight- member

Bob Sliney - member

Mike Quinlan

Absent:

Tracey Rogers -member

Start: 12:04pm

End: 1:20pm

Town Meeting Plan Discussion:

Tim Knight shared his screen to view the sample visual display boards made by Tina from Arrowstreet. AMO said that the “project basics” flyers need to get to town hall since they will aggregate all flyers and have people pick them up as they enter ATM. Items brought up about the boards: needs a header being more pronounced, plus logo and Emily suggested that we not date the boards so we can reuse. We need the new website to be up so that we can link the correct and updated site. The purpose for the boards is for visual purposes.

Bob Sliney mentioned that although Warrant Committee and Board of Selectmen voted to dismiss the citizens petition about the project, it would be raised on the floor and we needed to supply a document that would reinforce the facts and support whatever Mike Quinlan was presenting at ATM. It is important to share key facts.

Larry Spang asked if it would be helpful to bring up what Dale was not picked and the analysis that went into it. AMO asked if we could get the image of the Dale massing as visual impact. Bob brought up why the other two Selectboard members not on the SBC voted in favor of Wheelock: the building will overwhelm the Dale site and the pros and cons list of both locations was overwhelmingly pointed towards Wheelock. Larry said that the ad/reno’s phasing would have to large an impact on the kids during construction and the massing and density of a new building would overwhelm and get rid of a playing field. It was asked if the petition passed

and/or the project did not pass. There is an October 14, 2020 document/graphic that shows the grades and years that would be affected by the construction. Tim Bonfatti talked about how more money would be needed for a new study, we'd most likely have to go to the "back of the line", the delay could possibly be up to 5 years...we do not have a multiple choice decision now, but a binary choice. Bob Sliney reinforced the importance of the process and that there is no option but to go forward, facts and gaining clarity around the facts are imperative. Tim Knight stated that all the more we need a supplement at ATM and to keep the FAQ updated. Bob suggested that we also hand out the bio sheets of the SBC members because it highlights and emphasizes the expertise of the committee.

Tim Bonfatti asked AMO to remind MQ to ask Scott McDermott to make clear that the town is not voting for the school at ATM and to make it clear that the vote will be in the Fall.

MQ entered the meeting at 12:42pm. He said that he has yet to connect with Scott McDermott to discuss timing of his presentation in response to the citizen's petition. MQ will focus on process at ATM and Tim Bonfatti mentioned that MQ did not necessarily have to match time with the proponents, keep it succinct, therefore an emphasis on the handout.

Community Conversation will be on May 13 and although it conflicts with school committee meeting it's an opportunity before ATM for Q&As. AMO mentioned that the sustainability subcommittee submitted some bullets for a potential article and MQ said that we should consider timing because he is participating in a net zero seminar.

Questions/Statements from Chris McCue Potts: 4th and 5th graders would not be housed at the high school and she also made a statement about three years of enrollment.

Tina had the boards ready to look at by the end of the meeting with logo, title. Originally 4 boards, which was considered perhaps too many, but she came up with a solution to make them vertical and all would then fit on 2 boards. As there are 2 entrances/check-in to ATM, 2 sets would be made. And they could be reused for "road shows".

Apr 1, 2021 and Apr 8, 2021 minutes were motioned for approval by Tim Knight and seconded by Bob Sliney. Voted unanimously.