

**Cohasset School Facilities Committee
Minutes
August 31, 2021**

Zoom Meeting

Present:

Chris Senior, Town Manager
Justine Hart, Cohasset Town Hall
Jason Earls
Kathleen Burns
Paul Schubert
Martin Nee (not sworn in)
Craig MacLellan
Alethea Harney (not sworn in)
Doug Schultz
Paul Kearney (not sworn in)
Nan Roth

Meeting called to order at 7:05

1. Officers selected and approved 6-0

Jason Earls, Chairman
Paul Schubert, Vice Chairman
Nan Roth, Secretary

2. Charge to Committee read as follows:

School Facilities Committee

The School Facilities Committee ("SFC") will serve at the direction of the Cohasset School Committee ("CSC") and work with the Superintendent of Schools, Town Manager, and other town personnel, committees and consultants to advance the goals of the CSC relative to the addition, renovation, and/or construction of new school facilities in the district. The SFC will provide updates to the CSC and the Board of Selectmen as requested, but not less than once a month.

The following goals were voted and adopted by the Cohasset Board of Selectmen and the Cohasset School Committee:

- 1. All school facilities should be a safe, functional, flexible and accessible space which will meet the needs of the Cohasset Public Schools for the next several decades.*
- 2. All school facility designs will seek to preserve, to the extent practicable, Cohasset's architectural and natural aesthetic.*
- 3. All feasible and suitable locations for new school facilities may be considered, but special consideration should be given to current loci.*
- 4. Special consideration will be given to technology and the various ways in which technology can be incorporated into any new facility as to enrichen the learning environment for students and the teaching environment for staff.*
- 5. Special consideration will be given to safety and how various design modifications may provide for a more secure, but simultaneously easily evacuated building.*
- 6. Special consideration will be given to various "green" building methods, materials, and designs, and outdoor learning spaces will be incorporated into any final design.*
- 7. The SFC will seek to maximize contributions from various public entities, including the Massachusetts School Building Authority.*
- 8. The SFC will keep the community-at-large informed of its progress and intentions throughout the entire process.*

Adopted and approved by the Cohasset Board of Selectmen on June 23, 2020 Adopted and approved by Cohasset School Committee on July 8, 2020

PS -Motion to accept the charge, CMaL 2nd approved 6-0

3. **Discussion re Alethea Harney departure in January.** Jason will talk to BOS about a replacement. Alethea will consult to the committee until she leaves.

4. **Discussion of goals and procedures.** The Committee will examine the current condition of the schools by consulting the town Facilities Department and all stakeholders including teachers, parents, and administrators. The programmatic needs of the school will drive the evaluation. New schools in other communities will be visited and evaluated.

Two groups were created. 1. To look at current conditions: Doug Schultz, Jason Earls, Martin Nee, Paul Kearney 2. To look at other communities and consider the schools of the future: Paul Schubert, Kathleen Burns, Craig MacLellan, Nan Roth

5. **Future Meetings.** The Committee will meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00.

Next Meeting 9/28 at 7pm. Location or zoom to be determined

8:05 NR moved to adjourn, KB 2nd. Approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Roth