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Gilford Butler School Futures Committee Minutes August 30, 2018

Attending: Sandy Weisman, Sandra Retzlaff, Jeff Northgraves, Ervin Curtis, and Pennie Alley. Guests: Walter Reitz, Terri Baines, Betty Thomas, Amy Dyer, John Hansen, and Cliff Retzlaff.

The meeting was called to order and Jeff Northgraves was elected unanimously to serve as vice-chair of the committee. The minutes of the August 9th meeting were approved 4-0-1.

Walter reported that RSU 13 superintendent extended the acceptance date until Nov. 27 and a special town meeting will be held on Oct. 30, public hearing to start at 6pm. A market evaluation will be completed in September.

The committee reviewed a demolition estimate from George Hall of \$48,000 including filling and reseeding the site. This estimate did not include costs to cover handling hazardous materials such as asbestos or lead.

John Hansen will prepare a condition assessment which will include analysis of the systems data from RSU 13, a walk-through to identify issues, looking above the ceilings, determining the state of walls and roof, and energy efficiency. He will determine costs to deal with code issues and hazardous materials. He estimates this work to take 22 hours /\$1,800 and be completed in September.

EMA Director, Betty Thomas, answered questions about the emergency warming shelter in the Spruce Head Church located in St. George. She estimates the capacity to be 100 people. She foresees a need for office space and an assistant in the future.

Ambulance Director, Amy Dyer, also sees a need for additional office space. She anticipates holding public paramedicine classes in the future. The lower level of GBS has been used for CPR classes.



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The committee reviewed various options for the GBS building, such as moving administration to the first floor of GBS and using the lower level as a community space, seeking proposals for private use, or demolition and rebuilding. Mitigation of hazardous waste will depend on renovation.

Discussion about the public input meeting; Cliff Retzlaff will share the committee charter, known information, and moderate public input. He will email his presentation to the committee. The committee discussed a bulk mailing and fliers to encourage participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pennie Alley