

Butler School Futures Committee
Monday, September 24, 2018

Minutes

Attending: Sandy Retzlaff, Ervin Curtis, John Spear, Eileen Skarka, Bryan Calderwood, Sandy Weisman. Guests: Cliff Retzlaff, John Hansen.

The meeting was called to order. No minutes were made available from the September 12, 2018 meeting. And there were no public comments.

John Hansen presented his draft report of the Building Condition Analysis, culled from the extensive RSU 13 documents, his own comparison with the Lura Libby School process in Thomaston, and his walk-throughs of the Gilbert Butler School. **The final report will be available at Town Offices, and a summary will be distributed at the September 26 Public Input meeting.**

The report includes a general description of the building, including his assessment of the construction, systems, roofing, septic and well water, and insurance costs. Code considerations and issues, including non-compliance and ADA requirements are discussed. John Hansen lists a variety of issues and concerns that would need to be addressed in a renovation, **including insulation, ventilation, sprinkler system, accessibility, heating system, electrical system, and need for a new roof in the next few years.** The report closes with the facility costs on average over the last 5 years.

John noted that information about the septic system was still missing, but that he would follow up.

The committee then discussed how the Public Input Meeting would run. Cliff Retzlaff will welcome the community present, John Spear will introduce the members of the committee, its mission, and the purpose of the Public Input Meeting, that is to solicit thoughts and ideas about the building and site of the Butler School. John Hansen will give the summary of the building condition analysis. Jeff Northgraves will present the basic options that will be considered if the town accepts the building from RSU 13. Those include: renovation for municipal and/or commercial use, demolition and either sale of the property by a RFP process or a new building built, and finally sale of the property as is, either with or without an RFP process. He will outline why its important for the town to retain control of the site. Cliff and Sandy Retzlaff will then solicit ideas and suggestions from citizens and will be recorded for the Futures

Committee continued work. Cliff went over the Power Point presentation with us. Sandy Weisman will also take meeting notes of the Input Meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Weisman