Reading School Building Committee

Minutes of RSBC Meeting Held on August 21, 2002, 7:30 p.m. (In the Town Hall Conference Room/Selectmen's Room)

Committee Members Attending:

Russ Graham, Chair (RG)
Michael Scarpitto (MS)
Dennis LaCroix (DL)
Ray Porter (RP)
Tim Twomey (TT)
Warren Cochrane (WC)
Rich Radville (RR)
Jeff Struble (JS)
Paula Perry (PP)
Alex McRae (AM)
Bill Carroll (BC)

Featured Guest:

Robert Peirce (Flansburgh Associates, Inc.)

Joint Meeting with Reading Board of Selectmen (p/t)

(The Committee convened in the Town Hall Conference Room initially, then joined the Board of Selectmen in their conference room and finished in that conference room after the BOS had adjourned)

RG started by going over the upcoming meeting schedule. It was decided to tentatively schedule SBC meetings for September 4th, October 1st, 16th, and 30th, beginning at 7:30pm at locations to be determined.

[The Committee then joined the Board of Selectmen for a joint meeting. Refer to the BOS minutes of August 21, 2002 for a record of those combined deliberations. These minutes resume after the joint meeting was dissolved.]

RG said that completed drafts of the design team's Existing Conditions Report had been distributed to Committee members the previous evening. He acknowledged that there had not been enough time for the members to review it. He then called on Robert Peirce of FAI to give a synopsis of the report.

- Mr. Peirce began with the site assessment, specifically parking. He said the parking areas around the school were not interconnected, forcing traffic to use a public way (Oakland Road) as a connector. The lower parking areas had overlapping uses and lacks organization. The major site issue identified as problematic was accessibility, since the varying grades around the school offered no clear means of access from one part of the school to another.
- Site utilities could be documented from available existing drawings and Town agency information.