



The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Present: Steven Stone, Chair, Phil Thibault, Barbara O'Connor, Kate Hodges, Dave Martin, Nicholas Botelho, Rebecca Duda, Mike Pestana, Josh Taylor, Dennis Piendak, Rob Sheppard, Stefanie Fields, Linda Trouville

LiRo-Hill – Paul Kalous

Mount Vernon Group – Frank Tedesco, Susan Taylor, Bill Peters

Minutes

Mr. Piendak made a motion to approve the minutes of October 8 2025 as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review and Approve Invoices

Mr. Kalous stated that Invoice #20 is for the monthly contract tasks and activities of LiRo-Hill for October 2025 and recommends approval. Mr. Kalous stated Invoice #19 is monthly contract tasks and activities of LiRo-Hill for the month of September and also recommended approval.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve Invoice #20 from LiRo-Hill in the amount of \$39,035.00 which included the cost estimate. Mr. Sheppard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thibault made a motion to approve Invoice #19 from LiRo-Hill in the amount of \$15,040.00 as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Design and Project Update

Mr. Kalous recapped that the Town had put off submitting the schematic design until December 18, 2025. This has given Mount Vernon Group some time to review and make some tweaks to the plans. The Town will submit in December so that they can qualify for the additional reimbursement changes that the MSBA has made to the projects program.

Ms. Taylor of Mount Vernon Group stated she met with the MSBA yesterday. She stated that the changes they have made do not have any effect on the programming. They aligned with space summary and reimbursements and the lunch bunch area. Ms. Taylor went through the space plan adjustments and pointed out the areas on each floor where adjustments were made. They have listed the items to the MSBA that have been changed. These will be submitted on the 18th along with updated plans.

Schedule

Mr. Kalous stated the project timeline has been updated. He stated they will need to vote on the schematic design by December 10th. They would like to have meetings on December 3 to show the committee the changes and answer any questions and to have a vote no later than December 10 and to reflect it in the minutes and get a copy to the MSBA. There will also be an updated cost estimate to show the small reduction in the size of the building and adjustments for cost escalation, total project budget based on the new MSBA funding caps spreadsheet. Mr. Kalous talked about some of the areas where costs are eligible now where before they were not. Mr. Kalous stated that once it is submitted in December it will be heard by the MSBA Board and voted on in February. They will need to talk about deadlines when the Town adopts the project and when it can be voted on. Mr. Kalous also noted that after review of the schedule where before they were not able to get into the new building until December 2029, they should now be able to get into the building at the beginning of the school year September of 2029.

Superintendent Stone asked if they could get the documents to the committee in advance of the meeting that they would vote on the project. Superintendent Stone said that they had discussed a subcommittee to discuss the dates for a Special Town Meeting and ballot vote, the members were Steve Stone, Phil Thibault, Josh Taylor and Rob Sheppard. There was a discussion on a vote would have to occur within 120 days of the approval by the MSBA.

Mr. Kalous asked Mr. Peters to show the flyaround of the proposed school to the Committee again. He also stated the reasons why this project should be considered with all the work that has gone into and the money already spent on the feasibility study.

Adjournment

Mr. Sheppard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 p.m. Ms. O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.