

**BRIDGEWATER, HEBRON & GROTON  
STEERING COMMITTEE**

297 Mayhew Turnpike  
Bridgewater, NH 03222

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Terence Murphy  
Bridgewater Selectman

Patrick Moriarty  
Hebron Selectman

John Rescigno  
Groton Selectman

Erick Piper  
Bridgewater Representative

Jennifer Larochelle  
Hebron Representative

Virginia Parker  
Groton Representative

Derry Riddle  
BHVD – Ex Officio

William White  
BHVD – Ex Officio

September 6, 2023: Meeting called to order at 6pm

Committee Members Present: Erick Piper, Virginia Parker, Jennifer Larochelle, Terence Murphy, John Rescigno, Derry Riddle, William White and Amy Cunningham (BHVD – Alternate).

Absent: Patrick Moriarty

Ms. Larochelle called the meeting to order.

Mr. Murphy requested that agenda item #3 – Legal update, be moved to the last item as it will be a non-public item. All committee members voted in the affirmative.

Ms. Larochelle asked for any updates to the minutes of the August 23, 2023 meeting.

Ms. Parker stated that Joe needs to be changed to John.

Mr. Murphy moved to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Rescigno seconded and all committee members present approved.

Ms. Larochelle requested that individuals volunteer for the following Sub Committees and individuals were chosen as follows:

- A. Education Planning Committee – Jennifer Larochelle. Other committee members may assist Ms. Larochelle as needed.
- B. Budget Planning Committee – Virginia Parker and Erick Piper
- C. Contract Negotiations Committee – Virginia Parker and Erick Piper. They may request other committee members to assist as needed.
- D. Teacher/Staff Contracts Committee – Terence Murphy with assistance from Julie Converse (administrative assistant). Virginia Parker will assist as needed.
- E. Facility Planning Committee – John Rescigno and Jennifer Larochelle.

Ms. Larochelle asked if it would be a good idea to receive public input on the committees.

William Luti, consultant to the Steering Committee stated it would be a good idea, but by invitation only.

Mr. Rescigno agreed and said we do not want these sub committees getting too large.

Ms. Parker asked if these invited members of the public would actually become members of the sub committees.

Mr. Murphy & Ms. Larochelle both stated that they could.

Ms. Riddle asked this would allow them on the subcommittee only with voting rights.

Ms. Larochelle said yes, but not on the Steering Committee.

Mr. Luti stated that is correct. The only committee members with voting rights are the current members of the Steering Committee.

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Mr. Murphy moved to discuss the notification that was just received regarding Newfound Area School Board's HB349 Work Session meeting on Monday September 18, 2023 at 6pm.

Mr. Murphy should we attend and is it necessary to have our attorney present.

All members of the committee voted in favor of going to this meeting as members of the public from their respective towns, but making themselves available if any questions can be answered at that time.

Mr. Luti is assisting the committee in formulating a Myth Fact sheet or an FAQ, to be available to the public at the meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

All members of the committee will receive draft handout and be able to review and comment prior to meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Larochelle moved to go to the next agenda item being to have small group meetings in each town to field questions from our constituents.

Ms. Larochelle did mention it can be difficult to get individuals out to meetings. Usually 100 might show up, but there are 550 voters.

Mr. Murphy stated the goal is to just get the facts out there for the questions the public have.

Ms. Larochelle stated that neighborhood meetings could possibly work.

Mr. Rescigno suggested the most important point to get across is simply to educate yourself prior to voting.

Ms. Riddle suggested that it may be beneficial to attend PTO meetings.

All agreed.

Mr. Murphy moved to go into executive session at 7pm. Mr. Piper seconded and all committee members present approved (Ms. Larochelle left the meeting).

Ms. Parker voted to exit executive session at 7:30. Mr. Rescigno seconded and all committee members present approved. Mr. Murphy moved to seal the executive session minutes and Mr. Piper seconded and all committee members present approved.

Mr. Murphy suggested that the next meeting be on Wednesday September 13, 2023 at 6pm, to review the handout for the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. All members agreed.

Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Piper seconded and all members approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.