



JSMS VISION COMMITTEE APRIL 14, 2025 MINUTES

Committee members in attendance: Debbie Clark, Pete Lockwood, Grace Leavitt, Interim Town Manager/P&R Director Joe Crocker, Laurie Wallace, Debby Tarr, Kaela Gonzalez, Susan Accardi, Public Works Director Nathan White, Town Clerk Mel Fernald

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm by ITM Crocker

Introductions made

Officers: Nominations made and accepted for Pete Lockwood as Chair and Laurie Wallace as Secretary. Chair Lockwood continued the meeting.

Review of committee charge – To formulate as many ideas as possible for future use of the Jordan Small Middle School. This is the conceptual phase. Committee is chartered for 60 days from the date of the first meeting (4/14/25), or ~ June 15, 2025. Joe will confirm the end date. Pete will reach out to Chair Olsen to schedule a results presentation to the Select Board.

Walkthrough of town facilities – Committee to walk town sites to understand current facilities and current use. Locations include Town Office, Library, Public Safety Building, and two locations leased for programs/offices (Scouts' Messer Hall, RV Comm. Church). Broadcast Studio will not be considered for future use. Walkthrough is scheduled for **4/28 at 2:00 pm at the Town Office** via P&R bus; this is dependent on Nathan confirming availability of Bill Hanson, RSU14 Director of Facilities, for access to JSMS. Nathan will coordinate access to other locations.

Bus tour of municipal facilities housed in former schools – Pete and Joe will talk with local communities (Westbrook, Gorham, North Yarmouth, Falmouth, Windham) to see which make sense to visit. Windham is undergoing the same evaluation.

Meeting Schedule: Weekly, Mondays 6:00pm – 7:30pm at Broadcast Studio (excluding holidays 4/21 and 5/26)

Public Comment: Peter Leavitt reminded the committee that on Election Day, June 2024, the Comprehensive Plan Committee polled exiting voters for how best to repurpose JSMS; results were (highest first) community center, recreation, library, town office, and child care.

JSMS Vision Committee's Comment: Joe will pull together the wish list for Parks & Recreation; Debbie Clark will work with Richard Dowe, Director Raymond Village Library, for their wish list. Committee members provided creative initial input for future use. Discussion held on ways to integrate younger residents' input into what they would like to see in the building – committee members to reach out to various stakeholders in current environments (grandparent talking to middle schoolers/parents, interview parents of toddlers/babies that participate in the library's story time programs, speak with parents of SAC before- and after-school program).

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm by Chair Lockwood.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Wallace, Secretary
JSMS Vision Committee