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Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 10:49 AM
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Subject: Topics of concern between the BOS and BOE- Ex parte communication

Hi Jim,
Please forward the following information to all PZC members and post in the online file for the community center. I thought I had sent this to you for posting earlier but see no record of it. As this falls into the category of Ex parte communication discussed by Mark in his email yesterday, I wanted to correct this error.

Thanks,
Jed



Valerie Bruneau

Jun 8,
2023,
10:30 PM
(5 days
ago)

to me, Jeff, cremeg@andoverelementaryct.org

Good Evening Jed:

As promised last evening, this is the draft initial list of our concerns (with what we know) to aid in the meeting on Wednesday between the Boards. We are happy to be having this meeting face to face (or zoom for a few) rather than just passing questions along to be answered and brought back. Hopefully this helps to move forward.

Conversation topics for the meeting between the BOE and the BOS to take place on June 14th at 7:00 pm

Since we have not been “ in the loop” thus far, these are the foreseeable potential areas of impact (more could arise as we learn about the project further)

1. We need to see the timeline plan for the construction so that we can inform parents as well as to align timing with our school year. We need to see if staging area means we need to make adjustments to our school safety and security plans.
2. We need to collaborate with the Fire Dept and first responders to create an evacuation route from the school .
3. Please offer more documentation on the proposed septic tank and its exact location so we can see this in reference to our playground.
4. The new addition of the fueling station. Please offer the exact location, what will be located there (gasoline? Propane?)
5. We would like to see an emergency vehicle or fire truck turn around in the proposed area of the turnaround. Will the evergreen tree in the middle impede the use of this driveway? Can a vehicle still get by if there was a car parked in this area with a tree in the middle?
6. How long will our AES garage driveway be? Can a vehicle be parked in our driveway and not block the emergency access?
7. We would like a tree expert to tell us if , with the cutting of the grassy knoll outside the gym, the two trees will still be safe and secure with the loss of grassy area, or will they have to be relocated?
8. Fire Marshall- we would like a walk with the marshal to see if our gym can still be an emergency exit during construction when kids have no place to take safe refuge once outside that door
9. Will there be parking designated to the CC? We do not wish to say that any and all of AES parking is also CC parking
10. Can the sign for the handicapped spot near the garage be places on the building freeing up that area for a wider available leeway to the back yard?
11. It is safer for construction to cease running/idling equipment during school drop off and pick up (8-830 and 3-320)
12. Principal will need bimonthly updates on construction to share regularly with family (progress updates)
13. NO smoking on the school side of the construction site..and after the cc is built we want the town to alter its stance on smoking to align with school property rules during school session time.

14. Where will the dumpster be located during construction? This could be a hazard with loose materials...

15. Loading zone—can the times be posted please to avoid issues?

Other concerns to discuss

We still exert (as does our attorney) that we are, under the CGS 10-220 the Board controls our school property and would need an MOU that no further changes to this plan on our “property” occur without discussion of the BOE. We also want it recognized that we are not agreeing to “deed” the property over or move the property line. With this, we will have our attorney draw up an MOU to agree to allow the CC to use our property but not to give up our autonomy to make the decisions. This is important for precedent so that moving forward it is understood that we affirm our legal right to make decisions for the school property. We want to ensure that all of the school property is “safe” from this happening again where projects are planned without the proper BOE approval.

We know that the maintenance of the lower lot is expensive. We want to clearly establish the town will maintain this lot either entirely or agree to an equitable split. This will be the primary parking for the CC, and as such will have much more wear and tear.

Looking forward to Wednesday.

Valerie Bruneau