

**RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**RUTLAND CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 27, 2021**

**Committee Members Present:**

Erin Shimp, Chair  
Brittany Cavacas  
Anne Dages  
Stephanie Stoodley

**Also Present:**

Superintendent Bill Olsen  
Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss  
CFO, Ted Plemenos  
Director of Buildings, Grounds & Transportation  
Glenn Scott  
Scott Corbett, Allen Street Campus Director

Chair Shimp called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Superintendent Olsen provided an update on the RMS Mural. Artists Sydney Veverka arrived yesterday. Plans are to finish the mural within two weeks. He recognized Mark Foley for his support on this project. The theme is: *Community Built on Kindess*. Ongoing means of communication regarding this project was discussed. Superintendent Olsen advised that a related memo was sent to the Committee regarding this project. Chair Shimp noted the need to create a story around this greater community effort. Commissioner Cavacas noted that a student statement in a student's handwriting as an identifying display and student photos with Mark Foley and the artist would be a good way to connect students to the project. Superintendent Olsen noted that there will likely be an article in the Rutland Herald in the next few days.

**RIS MURAL UPDATE**

March Meeting Follow-up – No recent damage was found at the track. A repair was made in the last few years. RIS Foundation Leak: Leak was prior to City work during the summer of 2020 and no current water infiltration has been observed this season.

**MARCH MEETING FOLLOW-UP**

Waterline at Allen Street – Director of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation, Glenn Scott advised that a domestic water line shows extreme deterioration inside the building. He noted that this is a highly unusual condition for ductile steel pipe and was most likely caused by exposure to road salt melting into an abandoned roof drain into inside the wall. Recommendation is for pipe replacement as soon as possible with a potential to close the Allen Street building for a couple of days. One estimate for the work has been received and is for \$12,000 but does not take excavation into account. Mr. Scott reviewed photos of pipe/damage. Total cost for repair is estimated at around \$20,000. The hope is to wait for the last week of school to begin the repair work. Discussion revolved around potential for additional costs (variable could be a couple of thousand dollars,) similar situations in other buildings (no – this is a highly unusual issue,) potential for the pipe to break during off hours (low – not likely to burst, more likely to be a leak/trickle situation and Department of Public works is monitoring for fast flow and if this happens, they will send a technician to shut of the water.) Age of the pipe is unknown (no documentation) but it is not original to the building (per narrative from current plumber.)

**WATERLINE AT ASC**

City Culvert Replacement Project Planned for 2022 – Rutland City DPW plans to replace a culvert at the south-west corner of Allen Street property. The existing culvert is undersized and deteriorated. Culvert to be upsized for better flow and extended to allow the addition of a sidewalk. Photos were reviewed. The project will not impact the wetland.

**CITY CULVERT 2022**

90 Day Forecast – Summer project planning is process with requests received. The summer project list will be presented at the May Building Committee Meeting. Facility Condition Assessments (FCAs) are being reviewed for the creation of a 5-year capital plan. Buildings, Grounds and Transportation 2022 Operations Strategy includes a focus and improvement strategy with four focus areas to be presented at the May Building Committee Meeting.

**90 DAY FORECAST**

Update on Outdoor Projects – Chair Shimp introduced Director of Allen Street Campus (ASC) Scott Corbett. Mr. Corbett provided information regarding the ASC program, goals and projects including: ASC Orchard (Partner: American Chestnut Foundation,) ASC Kitchen Renovation, High Tunnel (Greenhouse), ASC 9-Hole Disc Golf Course, Pump Track. He spoke to completing the vision which includes growing organic produce and fresh flowers, preparing food, a farm stand, producing food for insecure community members and funding student scholarships. Discussion included: percentage of ASC students going on to enroll at Stafford Technical, next avenues, students who have dropped out returning, insurance (for after-hours use – signage similar to other fields will be required,) brining down the stigma and making ASC a program that students will want to apply to enroll, reducing costs, grant funding and building a tighter connection with Killington. Mr. Corbett invited Committee Members to visit ASC to see the disc course, pump track and other projects. Mr. Scott noted follow up on a prior question regarding EPA impact and that permitting is not required as the surface is permeable and another permeable surface is being created. Superintendent Olsen noted the ASC projects as a perfect example of how our building serve education and promoting what we're doing in innovative ways.

Other – None

**OTHER**

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.

**ADJOURN**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Kapitan, Recording Secretary