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**Municipal Building  
Committee for  
Prescott School**

Gregory Sheldon, *Chair*  
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Bruce Easom, *Member*  
Annika Nilsson-Ripps, *Member*  
Becky Pine, *Member*  
Lynwood V. Prest, *Member*

**Minutes**

Date: March 10, 2016  
Time: 7 pm  
Location: Prescott School, 145 Main Street, Groton, MA  
Members Present: Greg Sheldon, Anna Eliot, Becky Pine, Bruce Easom, Annika Nilsson-Ripps, Lynwood Prest  
Other attendees: Mary Jennings  
Handouts: Agenda, Final Report to Board of Selectmen – draft

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Greg Sheldon called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Greg Sheldon reported on his conversation with the Town Manager and Halsey Platt about getting a second opinion on the costs associated with bringing the Prescott School building up to code. The cost estimate provided by Daedalus seemed high and the level of effort used to generate it seemed below expectations. Halsey Platt will approach Pinnacle Construction Company and ask them for a cost estimate using some of the remaining funds approved at Town Meeting for that purpose. Issuance of the final report will be delayed until the Committee receives this additional cost information.

The Committee reviewed the current draft of the Committee's report to the Board of Selectmen. Greg Sheldon described the overall status of the document. The Committee started by reviewing and making changes to the Conclusions section of the document. Becky Pine recommended providing additional detail on how an Enterprise Fund could be used as part of the funding plan. Lynwood Prest suggested cross-referencing the portion of the document that describes Phase I and Phase II when referring to these in the Conclusions section of the document.

The Committee discussed how its Final Report recommendations might be received by the Board of Selectmen and the Town as a whole given the current challenging budget process.

The Committee reviewed the Operating Budget portion of the draft report. Lynwood Prest recommended explicitly calling out that the budget is based on 2016 dollars and that neither the revenues nor expenses are escalated to account for inflation. The Committee reviewed the Finance Plan section of the report and made a few edits to improve readability.

*Bruce H. Easom moved to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm. Annika Nilsson-Ripps seconded and the motion carried 6:0 (Halsey Platt and Gary Green absent).*

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce H. Easom